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Despite **MORE THAN A DECADE** of counternarcotic efforts, **POPPY PRODUCTION IN AFGHANISTAN** appears to be at historic levels.

RECORD HIGH

By JAD SLEIMAN ■ *Stars and Stripes*

AFGHANISTAN'S opium economy is booming despite \$7.6 billion in U.S. counternarcotics efforts since 2002, federal auditors said in a report released Tuesday.

The most recent findings by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction come just a few months ahead of the withdrawal of coalition combat troops, when the vast majority of U.S. and NATO forces will leave the country.

SIGAR cited a United Nations tally of net land area used for poppy cultivation in 2013: more than 500,000 acres, a 36 percent jump from the previous year and a historic record. The lion's share of that cultivation, the U.N. says, comes from Helmand and Kandahar provinces, two regions that were the focus of the 33,000-strong American troop surge four years ago.

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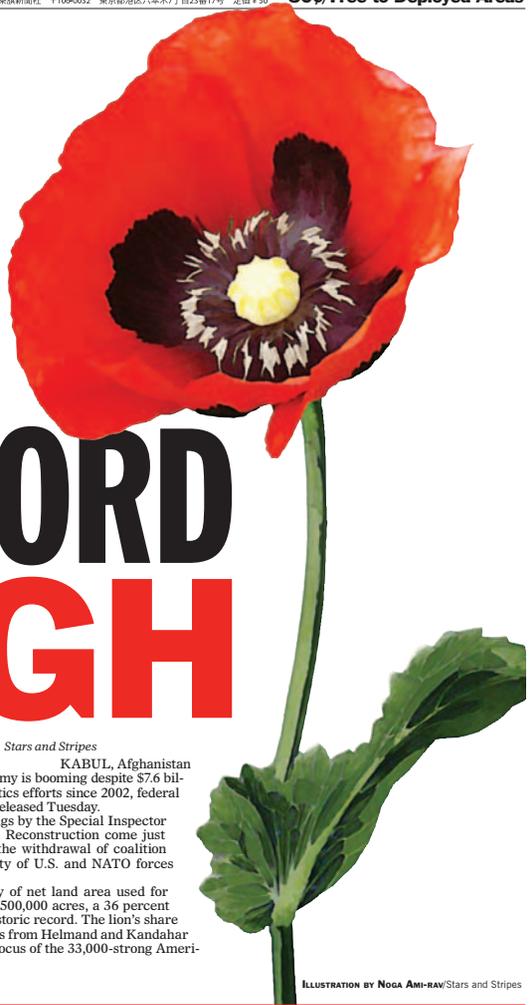


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Silence on Syrians' jihadist revolt fuels resentment

By Liz Sly

The Washington Post

REYHANLI, Turkey — The cost of turning against the Islamic State was made brutally apparent in the streets of a dusty backwater town in eastern Syria in early August. Over a three-day period, vengeful fighters shelled, beheaded, crucified and shot hundreds of members of the Shaitat tribe after they dared to

rise up against the extremists.

By the time the killing stopped, 700 people were dead, activists and survivors say, making this the bloodiest single atrocity committed in Syria by the Islamic State since it declared its existence 18 months ago.

The little-publicized story of this failed tribal revolt in Abu Hamam, in Syria's Deir al-Zour province, illuminates the challenges that will confront efforts

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to persuade those living under Islamic State rule — in Iraq as well as Syria — to join the fight against the jihadist group, something U.S. officials say is essential if the campaign against

the militants is to succeed.

The Abu Hamam area has now been abandoned, and many of the bodies remain uncollected, offering a chilling reminder to residents elsewhere of the fate that awaits those who rebel.

Just as powerful a message for those living under the iron fist of the militants was the almost complete international silence on the bloodbath.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I have to accept the horrific event, the tyranny that Jim Jones created, but I also have to respect the people who were trying to build a new world."

— Jim Jones Jr., who organized a ceremony held Monday in Oakland, Calif., to bury the remains of five victims of the 1978 Jonestown massacre in Guyana, in which 900 members of his father's cult died

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Bus attack kills 4 Afghan soldiers

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — At least four Afghan soldiers have been killed in a roadside bomb attack on a bus in the capital.

Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi, spokesman for the Afghan Ministry of Defense, said the blast occurred Tuesday morning while army troops were on their way to the ministry in Kabul.

Azimi said six other soldiers and six civilians were wounded in the blast, adding that the bomb was detonated by remote control.

A Taliban spokesman tweeted that the group was claiming responsibility for the attack.

Tuesday's attacks in Kabul followed attacks at several army checkpoints in eastern and southern Afghanistan on Sunday, according to officials. Azimi said that four soldiers died in an attack in the eastern province of Logar, in the Charkh district. He said scores of insurgents were killed in a subsequent airstrike there.

In southern Uruzgan province, spokesman Dost Mohammad Nayab said insurgents attacked police checkpoints in Gezab district. He said Afghan forces suffered no casualties but that four attackers were killed.



Above: An Afghan National Army soldier who survived a roadside bomb explosion walks by the site of the blast in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Tuesday.



Left: Afghan security forces personnel stand guard near a minibus destroyed near an explosion. At least four Afghan soldiers died in the attack.

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Poppies: Expert suggests Afghan government also profiting

FROM FRONT PAGE

"That is equivalent to more than 800 square miles — more than twice the size of all the boroughs of New York City, or 12 times the size of the District of Columbia — planted solid with opium poppies," SIGAR wrote in a previous report in January.

Afghanistan remains the world's top producer of opium, supplying more than three-quarters of the world as well as a growing domestic addict population, the U.N. report said. Along with illegal mining and extortion, the illicit drug trade is a major source of funding for the Taliban. International officials have said that the rebels are using the vast prof-

its generated by the opium trade to buy ammunition and weapons and to fuel the insurgency.

The SIGAR report said that poppy production had quadrupled in eastern Nangarhar province, which was deemed poppy-free in 2008 and previously considered a model for eradication efforts.

In its report, SIGAR included responses to its findings from the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, which said efforts to build up the Afghan government's counternarcotics capabilities were "still in progress," and from the Defense Department, which blamed the failure of poppy eradication on the "lack of Afghan government support for the effort."

Experts say the Taliban are

not the only ones cashing in on opium.

William Byrd, a senior expert on Afghanistan with the United States Institute for Peace and former head of the World Bank office in Kabul, suggested that elements of the Afghan government may be profiting from the crop just as much as the armed groups that oppose it.

Poppy profits fueling the Taliban insurgency aren't the main danger, Byrd said. Instead, the principal threat lies in the corrupting capacity such huge sums of money have on a poor nation's leadership, he said.

"It's not a simple equation, as there's just not any black-and-white line."

Paradoxically, the Taliban had orchestrated one of the world's most successful anti-drug campaigns before their ouster by a U.S.-led coalition in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The militants, in collaboration with the U.N., banned the growing of poppy, which resulted in a 91 percent drop in cultivation in the final year of their rule.

But since then, opium production has increased virtually every year despite continuous efforts by the Afghan government, international agencies and coalition forces to persuade farmers to switch to other crops.

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EBOLA OUTBREAK

‘Trust in the team’

Group of US Navy scientists serves at front of Ebola fight

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

A little over a year ago Jose Garcia, a microbiologist with nearly 10 years of hard science training, walked into a Navy recruiting station in San Diego on a whim.

He was in California on a post-doctoral research fellowship when he decided to investigate career options with the Navy.

“I happened by chance to go by a recruiting office and asked ‘What are the opportunities you have right now for scientists?’” Garcia said. At first, the recruiters didn’t have an answer, but then, a few days later, they called with an offer for a microbiology billet.

“It’s been great,” said Garcia, now a lieutenant who was commissioned into the Navy in July 2013. “I never would have pictured myself in Monrovia (Liberia) five years back, but here I am.”

Since arriving in Monrovia in early October, Garcia and other members of a small team of Navy researchers have been on the front line in the fight against the Ebola virus, which has killed more than 4,500 people across western Africa this year.

Garcia, who serves with the Naval Medical Research Center out of Silver Spring, Md., works in one of the Navy’s two mobile labs in Liberia, testing blood samples for any sign of Ebola. He is among a small cadre of U.S. military personnel in direct contact with the virus.

Currently, six Navy technicians are working in the mobile labs virtually nonstop. In the coming weeks, four more members will arrive to augment the unit.

“We’re at it seven days a week, 12 hours a day,” said Garcia, 29. So far, the Navy team in Liberia has processed more than 500 samples since the labs stood up at the start of October. Garcia estimates 40 percent of the samples test positive for Ebola.

However, since many of the specimens are repeat samples, it is difficult to say exactly how many individuals have tested positive, Garcia said.

Federal health officials on Monday issued new guidelines to promote protection for health workers treating Ebola patients,



PHOTOS BY JERROLD DIEDERICH/Courtesy of U.S. Army Africa

U.S. Navy Lt. Jose Garcia pipettes patient samples into a testing plate to test for Ebola at a Naval Medical Research Center mobile laboratory on Bushrod Island, Liberia, on Oct. 6. The center sent two mobile testing labs to Liberia.

The Associated Press reported. The guidelines call for full-body clothing and hoods that protect the neck, and set strict rules for removing equipment, among other procedures.

While the Navy personnel are not treating Ebola patients, they also have strict procedures they must follow to avoid contracting the virus. The scientists wear special suits, three layers of gloves and an air-purification respirator. Once the protective gear is donned, Garcia goes to work on the blood samples, taking a series of steps to render samples safer for further analysis.

“We’re able to basically sequester the genomic material out of the blood samples,” Garcia said.

From there, the researchers can pinpoint if Ebola is present.

For the sailors, the biggest risk of infection occurs when they take the suit off after testing is completed.

To get undressed, a two-man team goes into a decontamination room, where they spray each other down with a special bleach solution. The suits are then incinerated.

“The chances of me contracting the virus are minimal as long as our safety protocols are strictly adhered to,” Garcia said. “This is where trust in your team comes into play. Up to now, we’ve had zero incidents of anyone getting sick, and we plan to keep it that way.”



Garcia inactivates the Ebola virus in a process that renders it safe for further analysis.

In recent weeks, a handful of Ebola cases in Texas have sparked a wave of anxiety across the United States. In response, President Barack Obama recently named an Ebola czar to coordinate U.S. containment efforts.

However, at ground zero in Monrovia, Garcia said he goes about his daily business unafraid. The sailor-scientist, who works in a house next door to World Health Organization doctors from Uganda, said the multinational effort to counter the virus has resulted in a sense of community.

“We’ve made good contact with the locals. We carry on conver-

sations and, even the other day, they brought us fruit. ... ‘They know you are there to help,’ Garcia said. “It’s not the zombie apocalypse.”

Still, the signs of a health crisis are all around the city. “Everywhere you turn in Monrovia, there are hand-washing stations that contain bleach,” Garcia said.

In Monrovia, no one shakes hands.

“You touch elbows, and that is how you greet each other,” Garcia said. “You tap your elbows and that is how you say, ‘Hi.’”

In the meantime, Garcia said his focus is on staying sharp inside the lab, where any lapse in focus increases the risk.

“You have to be on your game at all times because, of course, you are working with a very deadly pathogen,” he said.

Families of GIs on Ebola mission will receive aid

By JON HARPER
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Families of U.S. servicemembers deploying to West Africa to combat the deadly Ebola virus are eligible for emergency financial assistance, a non-profit group announced Monday.

Operation Homefront, which assists military families with loved ones deployed overseas, will help pay for the following to eligible families: food; rent and mortgage payments; utilities; car and home repair; and home items.

Families can apply online for emergency assistance at OperationHomefront.net, or call 877-264-3968.

The organization typically provides money in the form of grants paid to service providers rather than giving the cash directly to families. Because the money comes in the form of grants, not loans, families that receive assistance aren’t required to pay it back.

Eligibility for Operation Homefront emergency funds normally requires a servicemember to be physically located in a combat or combat-support theater or be assigned to a ship for more than 30 days and either en route to theater, forward-deployed or conducting seagoing missions, according to the organization. It will provide assistance in this case due to the “unique stress” placed on military families by the noncombat Ebola mission.

“The U.S. military remains the worldwide rapid-response force whether facing a military foe or natural disaster, and they are in need of our support,” Tim Farrell, chief operating officer for Operation Homefront, said in a press release. “Our servicemembers have shown enormous courage and flexibility to face any threat, and we are going to be equally flexible to ensure that while they are deployed in this humanitarian mission, we are back home taking care of their families.”

Slightly more than 500 servicemembers are now in Liberia to build treatment centers and provide logistical support. Another 115 are in Dakar, Senegal, supporting the mission. Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren told reporters Monday. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel has authorized up to 4,000 to be deployed to West Africa to assist the international effort to combat the disease.

Troops who deploy to Liberia will receive hardship duty pay of \$150 a month. In addition, troops with dependents will receive a family separation allowance of \$250 a month retroactive to the day of arrival, starting after 30 days, according to officials.

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‘Up to now, we’ve had zero incidents of anyone getting sick, and we plan to keep it that way.’

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MILITARY

3 Navy officials: \$1.6M for silencers not OK'd

By CRAIG WHITLOCK

The Washington Post

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Three senior Navy civilian officials testified Monday that they never authorized \$1.6 million for a secret operation to buy hundreds of rifle silencers for the Navy SEALs and were instead told the money would be used to pay for intelligence studies and consultants.

The testimony, in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va., came on the opening day of the trial of Lee M. Hall, a civilian intelligence director for the Navy who is charged with theft and conspiracy in one of the more bizarre contracting scandals to emerge from the Pentagon in recent years.

Prosecutors argued that Hall and his boss, David Landersman, who led an obscure intelligence office for the Navy, bilked the government by persuading Navy officials to set aside more than \$1.6 million in excess funds and then creating a sweetheart classified contract for Landersman's brother, a recently bankrupt California auto mechanic.

In exchange, the mechanic, who is scheduled to go on trial next week, delivered 349 homemade silencers designed to fit AK-47-style automatic rifles — although the suppressors cost him only about \$10,000 in parts and labor to manufacture, according to court documents and testimony.

Even worse, prosecutors said, the silencers didn't work.

Morris Parker, an assistant U.S. attorney and the lead prosecutor in the case, called the contract part of a scheme "to resurrect the boss' brother's failing business." He noted that the mechanic, Mark Landersman, had never made a silencer for the government before and lacked a federal firearms license as required.

Attorneys for Hall, a longtime intelligence official and Navy Reserve officer, denied any wrongdoing on his part. They acknowledged he was unfamiliar with the finer points of federal contracting law but said he was acting on "a good-faith belief"

that the silencers were legitimately needed for a secret operation.

"It was clear to everyone from Day One that this was to be the purchase of suppressors for a classified program," said Stuart Sees, one of Hall's attorneys.

The exact nature of that secret operation remains a mystery. According to court papers filed by prosecutors, one intelligence official told an unnamed witness that the silencers were needed by SEAL Team 6, the same commando squad that killed Osama bin Laden. Representatives for the SEALs, however, told investigators that they never ordered the silencers.

Much of the documentation in the case is classified.

Attorneys for Hall argued that he had received spoken authorization from Robert Martinage to acquire the silencers. Martinage, the former acting undersecretary of the Navy, testified that he never gave approval, in writing or in person.

Martinage and two other senior Navy civilian officials, Carla E. Lucchino and David Nugent, said they endorsed a proposal made by Hall and David Landersman at the end of the 2012 fiscal year to re-allocate up to \$2 million in leftover funds for unspecified intelligence "studies" and "assessments."

None said they had any idea that the money would be used to buy silencers.



AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP

South Korean army soldiers patrol along the military wire fence with national flags at the Imjingak Pavilion in Paju, near the border with North Korea.

Report: US, S. Korea to scrap transfer

Stars and Stripes

South Korea and the U.S. will set out conditions for Seoul to take control of the two nations' militaries in the event of war on the Korean Peninsula, a move that would scrap a scheduled transfer in 2015 from the U.S. military to South Korea, the Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday.

Instead, the two sides will detail goals for Seoul's military capabilities before a transfer can be made, South Korea Vice Defense Minister Baek Seung-jo said in an interview with the paper.

A key element of the plan will be Seoul's development of a threat detection and missile system that can knock out North Korean bases preparing an attack, Baek said. The system, known as a "Kill Chain," will take several years to

develop, he said.

"We have yet to reach the level that we want," Baek told the Journal. "We will be there in 2020."

Details of the new plan are expected to be released after a Thursday meeting between Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and South Korean Defense Minister Han Min-ko in Washington, the paper reported.

Currently, the U.S. is committed to commanding both American and South Korean troops in the event of war with North Korea, a legacy dating back to the 1950-53 Korean War. Unified control has been seen as the most effective way to deter a North Korean attack and ensure a coordinated response.

In 2006, South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun first called for Seoul to regain wartime control of

South Korean troops. Washington agreed, and a plan was formed to do the transfer by 2012. Since then, conservative governments in South Korea have delayed the transfer in response to their concerns about North Korea's growing military threat.

"The most important thing is whether we can really deter North Korea from going to war, and I think we need more time to be able to do so," Baek told the Journal. He declined to discuss further details of the terms of the new handover arrangement, the paper wrote.

South Korea is home to 28,500 American troops. Alongside 640,000 South Korean soldiers, the U.S. forces face around 1.2 million North Korean troops, most of whom are massed near the border area.

Marine's family, alleging 'undue secrecy,' sues DOD

Stars and Stripes

A family is suing the Marine Corps and other Defense Department agencies alleging a coordinated, illegal effort to suppress details about the insider attack that claimed the lives of their son and two other Marines in Afghanistan, the Marine Corps Times reported Friday.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court Wednesday by the family of Lance Cpl. Greg Buckley Jr., seeks the release of investigative materials and autopsy results connected to the 2012 murders, which were carried out by an Afghan teenager in the Garmisr district of Helmand province.

According to the Times, the complaint also accuses the Marine Corps of callously and incorrectly directing Buckley's family to seek specifics about the attack via the federal Freedom of Information Act, only to ignore their submitted request. It names the Marine Corps, then-commandant Gen. Jim Mattis, the DOD, the Department of the Navy and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

"In short, these Gold Star families were sent on an unnecessary and emotionally traumatizing wild-goose chase for information that the Marine Corps was legally obligated to provide in the first place but is obviously determined to never provide," the complaint reads.

A spokesman for Amos told the Times that the general has no comment and that the Marine Corps does not discuss active litigation.

This is not the first time Buck-

ley's family has made a public plea for information, the Times pointed out. His father, Gregory Buckley Sr., and his aunt, Mary Liz Grosse, to have blasted the Marine Corps and the NCIS over what they view as undue secrecy.

In December 2013, Buckley and Grosse appeared on Fox News

to voice support for Maj. Jason Brezler, the Times reported. A Marine civil affairs officer, Brezler was disciplined by the Corps after he used an unsecured personal email account to warn Buckley Jr. Marines about the threat they faced from the teenage gunman's employer, a shady Afghan cop with a history of illegal activity. If Brezler's warning had been heeded, the Buckley family said, the murdered Marines might still be alive.

Buckley was killed Aug. 10, 2012, at Forward Operating Base Delhi by shooter Anuddin Khudairaham.

“[T]hese families were sent on an unnecessary ... wild-goose chase for information the Marine Corps was legally obligated to provide. ...”

Lawsuit filed by family of Lance Cpl. Greg Buckley Jr.

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Littoral combat ship the USS Freedom conducts sea trials off the coast of Southern California on Feb. 22, 2013.

Navy has unique vessel painting method

By ROBERT MCCABE

The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — They call it "haze gray," the war paint of the Navy's fleet, designed to make its vessels tougher to see.

It's hard to fathom how many millions of gallons of it have been slathered on the sides of Navy ships over the years.

"If it moves, salute it, if it doesn't, paint it," was a motto of sailors in previous generations, said Rob Hogan, director of steel manufacturing at Newport News Shipbuilding in Virginia and the son of one such sailor.

But what may have been viewed as a simple, if detested, chore years ago has morphed into a highly sophisticated enterprise driven by engineering.

Within the past decade or so, an increasing share of what used to be called "painting" has been pushed into the earliest stages of shipbuilding, when vessels aren't even vessels yet, just pieces in the building-block stage.

"We've moved beyond the days of bustin' rust with a needle gun and a wire brush," Hogan said during a recent tour of the two dozen shops and open areas he manages in the sprawling Newport News yard, where between 120 and 170 people work in the "surface prep and treatment group."

The 550-acre yard — a city within a city along the James River, with more than 23,000 employees and its own police and fire departments — is the only one in the country that builds nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, and one of two that build submarines.

Once it delivers a carrier to the Navy, it's likely the yard won't see

it again for 25 years, when it will be refueled and overhauled to extend its life for another 25.

In the intervening years, it may be drydocked and repainted at facilities elsewhere. Corrosion takes a costly toll on military equipment and infrastructure: about \$3.1 billion per year for the Navy, according to a 2012 consultant's report.

That amounts to about a quarter of its most complex repair costs. In 2003, the Pentagon created an Office of Corrosion Policy and Oversight, charged with preventing and mitigating corrosion. The coatings developed in recent years are designed to significantly extend a ship's life span and the time between drydockings, according to Hogan's team.

Some protect against heat and ultraviolet rays, while others have "self-healing" qualities. There also are quick-drying "ultrahigh solids coatings," which allow greater thickness with fewer layers, curing in minutes instead of hours. Putting them on might be considered the fun part. Like paint jobs at home, the process of coating a Navy ship begins with intensive preparation.

The plates of steel delivered to a staging area on a few acres at the northeast end of the shipyard ar-

rive by truck and rail.

The massive plates can weigh anywhere from 5 to 40 tons. They are generally 20 to 40 feet long and 6 to 8 feet wide and vary in thickness, depending on where the steel will be used on the ship.

Hoisted by crane magnets on rail-mounted gants, the plates are moved on conveyor belts through a series of facilities that cleanse them thoroughly to remove any rust, then rough them up a bit to give them what's known as a "profile" — a certain scruffiness that will enable paint to stick.

Each plate is tagged with a number, enabling it to be tracked individually, after which it's moved through the Wheelabrator, a Rubo Goldberg-like contraption that applies an initial, preconstruction primer coat on both sides.

The primer colors — blue, green, yellow and orange, among others — identify a particular type of steel and where that piece is headed in the construction process.

Painting occurs next door. If you can imagine covering about 8,000 football fields — or 360 million square feet — that's the total surface space that will be painted on an aircraft carrier, said Jim Coppa, the trade director who oversees all of the surface preparation work done at the Newport News yard. All totaled, it takes about 4 million gallons of paint to cover a carrier.

Those parts of the carrier above the waterline will generally get three coats; those below, seven.

You'll have a preconstruction primer, maybe another primer on top of that, two barrier coats of epoxy in between those layers and then a low-solar absorption coat.

'We've moved beyond the days of bustin' rust with a needle gun and a wire brush.'

Rob Hogan
Newport News
(Va.) Shipbuilding

Surviving spouses to begin receiving education benefit

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — An overhaul of the troubled Department of Veterans Affairs means new education benefits will kick in next month for the spouses of service-members who died since 9/11 in the line of duty, according to the department.

Surviving spouses will be eligible Nov. 3 for the Fry Scholarship — named for Marine Gunnery Sgt. John David Fry, who was killed in Iraq in 2006 — which includes payment of tuition and fees, a housing allowance and a stipend for books and school supplies. The benefit has previously been available only to children of fallen troops.

The expansion of education benefits was tucked into a massive \$16.3 billion law passed over the summer designed to fix the VA health care system following a nationwide scandal over wait times and records manipulation.

"For the spouses of those who gave their lives to defend this

country, this educational benefit will provide significant help in allowing them to move forward," Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., who added the measure into the VA law, said in a statement released Tuesday.

The scholarship makes up to 36 months of education assistance available through the Post-9/11 GI Bill for the surviving spouses of troops who died after Sept. 10, 2001.

The VA said it will mail out notifications to those who are eligible with an explanation of benefits and how to apply. It will begin accepting mailed applications next month.

Some spouses may also be eligible for the Dependents Educational Assistance program and must choose between the two programs by Jan. 1.

For more information is available through the VA call center at 888-442-4551 or at benefits.va.gov/gbill/.

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Officials: NY man charged with pretending to be in the military

By LOU MICHEL

The Buffalo (N.Y.) News

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A West Seneca, N.Y., man paraded around the Erie County Fair on Veterans Appreciation Day this past summer, authorities said, pretending to be in the Marine Corps and wearing the dress-blue uniform, complete with a sword.

A year earlier, he allegedly showed up at charity events in West Seneca and Eden, N.Y., dressed in a police uniform and claiming to be a federal law officer.

On Thursday, Michael R. Schrenk's flirtation with wearing uniforms ended with New York State Police announcing they had raided his house earlier in the week and collected evidence to back up two charges of second-degree criminal impersonation of a member of the U.S. Department of Defense.

Schrenk's first mistake occurred when he stopped to chat

with two young Marines who, out of respect for his alleged rank of staff sergeant, approached him to say hello. They immediately noticed that his uniform wasn't quite in order, according to State Police Lt. Kevin M. Barnas.

A white cord draped over his shoulder had no place there, for example, and the way a full chest of medals and ribbons was displayed was improper.

Barnas said that before Schrenk, 47, parted company with the Marines, one of them had the presence of mind to snap a photo of him, which was later passed along to Trooper Michael J. Niezgoda.

Niezgoda, a highly decorated Marine wounded in Iraq and a member of the Marine Corps Reserves' local recruiting command, worked with state police investigators Thomas Swanson on other incidents where Schrenk allegedly went out in public claiming to be someone he wasn't.

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Deadly attacks continue across Iraq

Security forces and civilians inspect the site of a double car bomb attack that hit a restaurant in the Shiite-majority district of Talibiya in eastern Baghdad on Tuesday. An escalating Sunni insurgency continued its wave of attacks on Tuesday as a string of bombings in and near Baghdad killed at least 30 and wounded dozens, Iraqi officials said. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the latest attacks but they bore the hallmarks of the Islamic State group.

Militants seize US airdrop weapons meant for Kurds

By DIAA HADID
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Islamic State group fighters seized at least one cache of weapons airdropped by U.S.-led coalition forces that were meant to supply Kurdish militiamen battling the extremist group in a border town, activists said Tuesday.

The cache of weapons included hand grenades, ammunition and rocket-propelled grenade launchers, according to a video uploaded by a media group loyal to the Islamic State. The video appeared authentic and corresponded to The Associated Press' reporting of the event. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the militants had seized at least one cache, but may have seized more.

The Observatory, which bases its information on a network of activists on the ground, said the

caches were airdropped early Monday to Kurds in the embattled Syrian town of Kobani that lies near the Turkish border. The militant group has been trying to seize the town for over a month now, causing the exodus of some 200,000 people from the area into Turkey. While Kurds are battling on the ground, a U.S.-led coalition is also targeting the militants from the air.

On Tuesday, Islamic State loyalists on social media posted sarcastic thank you notes to the United States, including one image that said, "Team USA."

But the badly-aimed weapons drop was more an embarrassment than a great strategic loss. The Islamic State militants already possess millions of dollars-worth of U.S. weaponry that they captured from fleeing Iraqi soldiers when the group seized swaths of Iraq in a sudden sweep in June.

Also Tuesday, Syrian government airstrikes hit a rebel-held town along the country's southern border with Jordan, killing at least eight people on Tuesday.

Activists with the Local Coordination Committees and the Britain-based Observatory said the number of those killed was likely to rise as there are more victims under the rubble.

The LCC said Syrian government planes dropped crude explosives-laden canisters on the town of Nasib on the Syria-Jordan border.

The airstrikes are part of battles between Syrian government forces and Islamic rebel groups for control of the area.

Syrian government forces have been heavily bombing rebel areas in recent weeks, while the U.S.-led coalition has been conducting airstrikes against Islamic State militants elsewhere in Syria.

Syrians: Sunni Arabs decry unequal treatment by coalition

FROM FRONT PAGE

News of the massacre coincided with President Barack Obama's decision to order airstrikes to turn back an Islamic State advance unfolding farther east in Iraq, toward the Kurdish regional capital of Irbil, as well as humanitarian aid drops to help desperate Iraqi Yazidis trapped on a mountain by the onslaught.

Many Syrians in the opposition are starting to complain about unequal treatment.

U.S. warplanes have carried out more airstrikes on Islamic State forces besieging the Kurdish town of Kobani on Syria's border with Turkey than on any other single location in Iraq or Syria.

And Washington announced Sunday that U.S. planes had airdropped weapons and medical supplies to the beleaguered Kurdish fighters there.

Yet even now, Washington has directed little effort toward helping Sunni Arabs who want to fight the militants but lack the resources to do so, said Abu Salem, who was among the Shaifat tribesman and rebel commanders who gathered recently in an apartment in the Turkish border town of Reyhanli to recount the killings of their clansmen.

"We saw what the Americans did to help the Yazidis and the Kurds. But they have done nothing to help the Sunnis against the Islamic State," he said.

Abu Salem and the other men said they did not so much begrudge the efforts to help Kurds as wonder why no one had helped them when their community was under attack.

The carnage inflicted on the Shaifat tribe has instilled in the Abu Hamam survivors a loathing for the Islamic State and the warped brand of Islamist politics for which it stands, said Abu Siraj, another of the tribesmen.

A former lawyer, he, like most of the men, asked to be identified only by his nom de guerre because he fears being tracked even to Turkey by the jihadists.

"Now we hate everyone who prays," he said. "Now we hate even beads."

But finding support for efforts to organize against the militants is proving hard, he said, pulling out his cellphone to show a photograph released that day of the trussed, decapitated body of a friend who had purportedly been caught attempting to throw a hand grenade against them.

"When you see your relatives

being slaughtered, you will be forced to accept compromises you would otherwise never have been prepared to accept," he said. "And when you see the world has abandoned you, you will do nothing about it."

U.S. officials say the Kobani attacks were not intended to show preference for one community over another, but rather served as an opportunity to take aim at the large number of militant fighters who converged on the town to capture it.

The Pentagon claims to have killed hundreds of Islamic State militants around Kobani, in keeping with the wider U.S. goal of targeting the Islamists' infrastructure and resources in Syria

to downgrade their ability to reinforce and finance their operations in Iraq.

The primary focus of the American strategy, Gen. Lloyd Austin, the U.S. Central Command leader, stressed last week, remains on Iraq, and on preventing the Islamic State from projecting power there.

"Iraq is our main effort, and it has to be," he said at a news conference in Washington. "And the things we are doing right now in Syria are being done primarily to shape the conditions in Iraq."

Such comments have reinforced perceptions among Syrians that the U.S.-led air war does not have their interests at heart. Differences over the purposes and direction of the war risk alienating the many rebel groups that were engaged in battling the Islamic State before the U.S. government intervened, said Steven Heydemann of the U.S. Institute of Peace.

"It's already become an impediment," he said. "I don't think the administration has fully taken on board how much damage the way they've conducted this campaign has done to the relationships they've developed with some of these actors."

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NATION

Reports: Televangelist urged vasectomies

The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Televangelist Ernest Angley has long controlled members of his Akron-area congregation by advising them not to have children, shunning those who leave the church and using free labor at his for-profit buffet restaurant and television station, according to a two-month newspaper investigation.

The Akron Beacon Journal published a series of articles starting last week after interviewing more than 20 former members of Grace Cathedral in the Akron suburb of Cuyahoga Falls. Some of those interviewed described Angley's church as a cult.

A woman who answered the phone at Grace Cathedral on Monday and would identify herself only as Nancy said Angley was not interested in responding to the accusations. "It's all lies," she said.

Several people told the Beacon Journal that they and their spouses did not have children because husbands were encouraged to have vasectomies, and that Angley examined men's

genitals before and after surgery. One woman told the newspaper she was pressured into having an abortion.

"He doesn't want people to have kids because it would take their time and money away" from the church, Greg Mulkey, a former church member, told the newspaper.

Several former members said Angley, 93, also wanted to keep quiet allegations that teens had been sexually molested by other church members, including someone close to him.

Angley told the Beacon Journal in an interview that it wasn't "his place" to report the accusations to authorities. And he denied that he tries to control his congregation, saying he counsels those who seek advice. It's a "bad time" for couples to have children because of the dangers in the world, he told the newspaper.

Angley has long claimed he can heal people of afflictions. He has been widely parodied. Robin Williams sometimes imitated Angley in his stand-up act, and Genesis did a rock video in which Phil Collins played the role of Angley.



JOHN J. WATKINS, THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA/AP

Gary, Ind., police Chief Larry McKinley on Monday fields questions following a news conference regarding the bodies of seven women found over the weekend in Hammond, Ind.

Finding victims in Ind. case a lengthy process

By TOM COYNE AND MICHAEL TARM
The Associated Press

GARY, Ind. — Investigators in two states are reviewing unsolved murders and missing person reports after the arrest of an Indiana man who police say confessed to killing seven women and hinted at more victims over a 20-year span.

But determining whether others have fallen prey to Darren Vann, 43, a former Marine convicted of sexual assault in Texas in 2009 could take years, a former high-ranking agent at the FBI's Chicago office said. That some of his alleged victims may have been prostitutes or had fallen through society's cracks could also complicate the investigation.

"It does make it difficult. It indicates he preyed on individuals that might be less likely to be reported missing," said Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson.

Vann was charged Monday in the strangulation death of Afrika Hardy, whose body was found Friday in a bathtub at a Motel 6 in Hammond, 20 miles southeast of Chicago. He also was charged with murder in commission of a robbery and robbery causing great bodily injury.

A probable-cause affidavit said police identified Vann from surveillance video outside the motel. Hammond Police Chief John Doughty said Vann confessed to Hardy's slaying and directed police to six bodies in abandoned homes in nearby Gary. Charges in those cases are expected this week.

Police in Gary and Austin, Texas, said they are reviewing



Vann

missing person reports and unsolved cases to determine whether any might be connected to Vann after he indicated that he had killed before.

Former FBI agent Joseph Ways Sr., now executive director of the Chicago Crime Commission, a nongovernmental watchdog group, said such investigations can stretch into years. Investigators will trace Vann's footsteps, down to examining gas receipts and toll booth records, to learn where he traveled.

Ways said teenagers or adults who maintain close contact with their families are typically reported missing quickly, but that's not always the case for those engaged in prostitution, he said.

"If one of them goes missing for days or weeks, it might be that nobody notices," he said. "It's a shame."

Doughty said Hardy was in-

volved in prostitution and had arranged to meet Vann at the motel through a Chicago-area website. Police were called by someone who attempted to reach Hardy but received text message responses that made no sense and that she believed came from the suspect.

"The backgrounds of the other victims weren't immediately revealed.

Police took Vann into custody Saturday afternoon, and during interviews the suspect confessed to Hardy's killing, told investigators where the Gary bodies could be found and hinted at other victims since the 1990s, Doughty said.

Vann is registered as a sex offender in Texas, where the Department of Public Safety listed his risk of attacking someone again as "low." He did not register in Indiana.

Court records in Travis County, Texas, show Vann served a five-year prison sentence, with credit for the 15 months he was in jail awaiting trial, after pleading guilty in 2009 to sexually assaulting a woman at an Austin apartment two years earlier.

At minimum, wage ballot issues working for Dems

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — As Democrats across the U.S. make an election-year push to raise the minimum wage, they often point to fast food workers, baristas and others who are struggling to raise families, pay rent or get through school — some on as little as \$7.25 per hour.

First, though, they are out to help themselves. Looking to motivate younger people, minorities and others in their base to go to the polls on Nov. 4, the party has put questions on the ballot in five states asking voters whether the minimum wage should be increased. The issue is also a near-constant topic on the campaign trail, as Democrats work to identify themselves as stalwarts for the middle class and to paint Republicans as uncaring.

In one state, Illinois, the campaign to support the minimum wage wouldn't actually raise the wage. The ballot question is non-

binding and would only ask voters their opinion.

But for getting out the vote, the issue is "a winner with everybody in our state," said Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, who said he urged party leaders to put it on the ballot.

The wage measures are found in other states with hard-fought races, including Alaska and Arkansas, where the outcome could determine whether Democrats keep control of the U.S. Senate.

Durbin said Democrats have been "victimized" in the past when Republicans put their own turnout-stoking measures like gay marriage bans on the ballot in conservative states. Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn's opponent, Bruce Rauner, is among the Republicans accusing Democrats of playing games with the wage issue.

"If he was serious about this, he could have gotten it done" in the Democratic-controlled Legislature, Rauner said.

death penalty if convicted.

Abu Khattala's lawyer, federal public defender Michelle Peterson, said she is waiting for the Justice Department to turn over additional material — much of it classified — on the charges her client faces. The next court date in the case was set for Dec. 9.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael DiLorenzo said the government so far has provided the defense with 150 hours of videotape and 4,000 pages of documents.

From The Associated Press

Libyan pleads not guilty in Benghazi attacks

WASHINGTON — A Libyan militant on Monday pleaded not guilty to charges arising from the 2012 Benghazi attacks that killed four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens.

Ahmed Abu Khattala, 43, entered the plea through his lawyer in a 15-minute court proceeding before a federal judge.

An 18-count grand jury indictment handed up last week makes Abu Khattala eligible for the

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NATION

5 more Jonestown victims buried in Calif.

By MATT O'BRIEN

The Oakland (Calif.) Tribune

OAKLAND, Calif. — Irene Mason was among the oldest victims of the Peoples Temple mass murder-suicide, having turned 86 a week before her horrific death. Tony Walker was a 20-year-old security guard who patrolled the cult colony and its livestock in the Guyanese jungle.

Nearly 36 years after the Jonestown massacre, they now have a place to rest.

Their long-forgotten remains, and those of three others discovered this past summer in an abandoned Delaware mortuary, have now joined more than 400 other unclaimed or unidentified Jonestown victims in an East Oakland, Calif., hillside memorial.

Rain drizzled over a small ceremony at the Evergreen Cemetery organized Monday by the adopted son of Jim Jones, the cult preacher who led more than 900 followers — one-third of them children — to their deaths in November 1978 after instructing them to drink cyanide-laced grape punch. Those who survived the suicidal poisoning were shot and killed.

"I have to accept the horrific event, the tyranny that Jim Jones created, but I also have to respect the people who were trying to build a new world," said Jim Jones Jr., 54, who remembers many of the dead. "They were trying to build a new world, and they really believed that."

Painful memories of the tragedy resurfaced in August when Delaware authorities announced the discovery of nine cremated remains of Jonestown victims in a foreclosed funeral home near



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Jim Jones Jr., left, son of cult leader Jim Jones, and John Cobb, right foreground, family member of eight Jonestown massacre victims, gather with Ron Haulman, executive director of Evergreen Cemetery in Oakland, Calif., for a small memorial Monday as they prepare to inter five massacre victims' remains next to the Jonestown Tragedy Memorial.

Dover Air Force Base, where all 918 bodies were shipped from Guyana in 1978.

Why their remains were stored for three decades in the Minus Funeral Home might never be known. The funeral home closed after its owner died in 2012.

All nine were black, and five lived in the San Francisco Bay area before they followed Jim Jones in shifting his Peoples Temple headquarters from a San Francisco church to a remote jungle clearing in Guyana.

The South American settlement advertised itself as a hub for socialism and racial integration where more than 1,000 followers worked the land and gathered for daily assemblies. Defectors who fled back

to the United States recounted physical and emotional abuse under a paranoid cult leader.

When a fact-finding team led by Rep. Leo Ryan, D-Calif., flew to Guyana to investigate in November 1978, Jonestown followers ambushed the congressman on an airstrip, killing him, three journalists and a defector and wounding others. Hours later, the mass suicide and murder of the Jonestown colony began.

When Evergreen Cemetery owner Buck Kamphausen said he would welcome any unclaimed remains of Jonestown victims at his Oakland property in 1979, he went

against the trend of other cemeteries and politicians that wanted nothing to do with the bodies.

The U.S. military trucked more than 420 victims to Oakland and laid their airtight coffins like dominoes in a hillside excavation site. Many of the unclaimed and unidentified were children whose parents had also died.

Until this past summer, all of the unclaimed victims were thought to be in Oakland.

With help from the Jonestown Institute, a San Diego-based repository of research on the Peoples Temple tragedy, Delaware officials made contact with rela-

tives of seven of the nine victims rediscovered this past summer.

Not all of those relatives wanted the remains.

"One of the things we've noticed is that 36 years after Jonestown, it still has the power of stigmatization," said Fielding McGehee, a co-founder of the Jonestown Institute who helped track down reluctant families. "There are still people who don't want to have anything to do with their relatives."

Family members did claim four of the victims, including Maud Perkins, whose remains were shipped to her husband in Antioch, Calif.

Delaware state officials were unable to find any relatives of Orlie Mese Guy, 34, and Ruth Atkins, 74, so they arranged with McGehee and Jones Jr. — co-directors of the Jonestown Memorial Fund — to send them to Evergreen Cemetery, which is still owned by Kamphausen.

Investigators made contact with relatives of Walker, Mason and Wanda Bonita King, a 39-year-old Jonestown teacher originally from Indiana, where the Peoples Temple was founded. Their relatives agreed to let them be interred in Oakland.

Oakland resident and Jonestown survivor John Cobb, 54, was part of the same security team and stood with Jones Jr. and cemetery director Ron Haulman under a canopy Monday morning and made some brief remarks as graders placed the five small boxes of remains in a hole just outside the existing memorial wall, which was built in 2011.

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WORLD

Terrorist ideology blamed in car attack

By BENJAMIN SHINGLER AND ROB GILLIES
The Associated Press

SAINT-JEAN-SUR-RICHELEU, Quebec — A man who was shot and killed by police after he struck two members of the Canadian military with his car was “clearly linked to terrorist ideology,” officials said Tuesday.

One of two soldiers hit by a car in a city near Montreal died from his injuries.

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney called the attack a “terrible act of violence against our country, against our military and against our values” and “clearly linked to terrorist ideology.”

Blaney did not discuss whether or not authorities believed the man, a recent convert to Islam, acted on his own.

The suspect, Martin Courteou Rouleau, 25, was shot by police following a car chase and later died.

An official familiar with the case confirmed the suspect's name and that he had fallen under the influence of radical Islam. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about the case.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police spokesman David Falls said Monday the suspect “was known to federal authorities” and “authorities were concerned that he had become radicalized.”

Police declined to provide further details, citing the ongoing investigation. The Islamic State group has urged supporters to carry out attacks against Western countries, including Canada, that are participating in the U.S.-led coalition fighting the militants who have taken over large swaths of territory in Iraq and Syria. It was not known whether the suspect in the Quebec attack had any ties to Islamic militant groups.

Last month, the U.S. military warned servicemembers and their families to be alert to the possibility of “lone wolf” attacks by Islamic State sympathizers, and “vigilant of their surroundings” and report suspicious activities to authorities.

There was no answer at Rouleau's single-story white brick home in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, on Tuesday morning, and no sign of police. Neighbor Daniel Fortin said he had known Rouleau, who lived with his father, since he was a child. Fortin said that over the past year or so, Rouleau grew out his beard and began wearing loose-fitting Muslim clothing, but that he never felt threatened by him. Fortin said Rouleau's father was worried as he became increasingly radicalized and “tried everything” to help him.

Another neighbor, who didn't want to be named, said she didn't know the family well but saw po-

lice visit the home on more than one occasion over the past few months.

Quebec provincial police Lt. Michel Brunet said Monday the suspect fled the scene of the attack and was pursued by police for about 2½ miles before he lost control of the car, which rolled over several times. Police shot him after he exited the car.

Brunet said they found a knife on the ground. Television images showed a large knife in the grass near the flipped-over car.

Brunet would not say if the soldiers were wearing uniforms at the time they were struck.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper was briefed about the incident by the head of Canada's national police force, the head of the military and his national security adviser.

Harper said earlier Monday in parliament that he was aware of the reports and called them “extremely troubling.”

Oil exec killed at airport in Moscow

By LYNN BERRY AND LORI HINNANT
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Christophe de Margerie, the charismatic CEO of Total SA who dedicated his career to the multinational oil company, was killed at a Moscow airport when his private jet collided with a snowplow, the driver of which was drunk, Russian investigators said Tuesday.

Three French crewmembers also died when the French-made Dassault Falcon 50 burst into flames after it hit the snowplow during takeoff from Moscow's Vnukovo International Airport at 11:57 p.m. Monday local time.

Tatyana Morozova, an official with the Investigative Committee, Russia's main investigative agency, said investigators are questioning the snowplow driver, who was not hurt, as well as air traffic controllers and witnesses.

“At the current time, it has been established that the driver of the snowplow was in a state of alcoholic intoxication,” Morozova said.

De Margerie, 63, was a regular fixture at international economic gatherings, and he was one of the French business community's most outspoken and recognizable figures. His trademark silver handlebar earned him the nickname “Big Mustache.”

A critic of sanctions against Russia, he argued that isolating Russia was bad for the global economy. He traveled regularly to Russia and recently dined in Paris with an ally, Russian President Vladimir Putin who is



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

French energy giant Total SA CEO Christophe de Margerie watches the French Open tennis tournament in Paris in June 2013. He died in a collision at a Moscow airport Monday.

facial EU sanctions over Russia's involvement in the crisis in Ukraine.

According to the Kremlin, Putin sent a telegram to his Russian counterpart, Francois Hollande, lauding de Margerie for being at the “origins of the many major joint projects that have laid the basis for the fruitful cooperation between Russia and France in the energy sphere for many years.”

Hollande expressed his “stunor and sadness” at the news. In a statement, he praised de Margerie for defending French interests in the energy sector and for his “independent character and original personality.”

De Margerie started working for Total in 1974 after receiving his degree because it was close to home. It was a difficult time to join the firm because the oil embargo, which led to a fourfold increase in prices, was coming to an end.

“I was told, ‘You have made the absolute worst choice. Total will disappear in a few months,’” he said in a 2007 interview with Le Monde newspaper.

Trail disaster prompts new rules in Nepal

The Associated Press

KATMANDU, Nepal — Nepal on Tuesday said it will introduce new rules to improve weather forecasts and better monitor the movement of trekkers after the Himalayan country's worst hiking disaster left dozens dead last week.

Tourism Department official Tulasi Gautam said trekkers wearing new rules will be required to take trained local guides and will have to rent a GPS tracking unit to help authorities track them in case of an emergency.

Gautam said the government plans to announce the new rules nationwide before the next trekking season in the spring.

“The main reason for the high number of casualties is that those trekkers without proper guides were prompted to continue with their trek in attempts to beat the storm. So we want to strictly enforce new rules of no trekking without porters or proper guides,” Gautam said.

Yadav Koirala, of Nepal's Disaster Management Division, said two more bodies of Nepalese nationals were recovered on Tuesday by soldiers who remain in the Thorong La pass on the Annapurna circuit trekking route.

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American held in N. Korea released

Ohio man accused of leaving Bible at nightclub; 2 US detainees remain

By LARA JAKES
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American detainee Jeffrey Fowle has been released from North Korea, nearly six months after he was taken into custody, the State Department said Tuesday. Two other Americans who have been tried and convicted of crimes in North Korea are still being held.

Fowle, 56, of Miami Beach, Ohio, had been awaiting trial on charges of leaving a Bible at a nightclub in the northern port city of Chongjin last May. He was flown out of North Korea on a U.S. government jet that was spotted Tuesday by Associated Press journalists at Pyongyang's international airport. The Swedish government helped negotiate Fowle's release.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said it was a positive decision by North Korea to release Fowle. He urged Pyongyang to release the other Americans, Kenneth Bae and Matthew Miller.

"The U.S. will continue to work actively on them," he said.

Earnest said the Defense Department had provided transportation to Fowle on a schedule that the North had specified. He said Sweden had helped facilitate Fowle's release. The U.S. doesn't have formal diplomatic relations with North Korea.

State Department deputy spokeswoman Marie Harf said Fowle was on his way home to his family. "We welcome the DPRK's decision to release him," she said in a statement, using the abbreviation for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Harf also thanked Sweden for

"tireless efforts" by its embassy in Pyongyang. She provided no other details about the Swedish government's involvement.

Washington has repeatedly tried to send a high-level representative to North Korea to seek release of the three men. Pyongyang had refused because of last month, according to Robert King, the U.S. special envoy for North Korean human rights issues.

Fowle arrived in North Korea on April 29 and was arrested in May for leaving a Bible at the nightclub. Christian evangelism is considered a crime in North Korea. Fowle's wife is from Russia and had made a written appeal on her husband's behalf to Russian President Vladimir Putin.



Fowle

The other detained men are: ■ Matthew Miller, 24, from Bakersfield, Calif. Miller was convicted Sept. 14 of entering North Korea illegally to commit espionage and sentenced to six years of hard labor.

■ Kenneth Bae, 46, of Lynwood, Wash. Bae is a Korean-American missionary who is serving a 15-year sentence for alleged and unspecified "hostile acts." Pyongyang accused Bae of smuggling in inflammatory literature and trying to establish a base for anti-government activities at a border city hotel.



VINCENT YU/AP

Pro-democracy protesters give a thumbs down as they watch live TV showing talks between government officials and students outside government headquarters in Hong Kong on Tuesday.

Hong Kong students, officials talk; no deal

The Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong student leaders and government officials talked but agreed on little Tuesday as the city's Beijing-backed leader reaffirmed his unwillingness to compromise on the key demand of activists camped in the streets now for a fourth week.

Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying told reporters that the government won't let the public nominate candidates to run in inaugural direct elections to succeed him in 2017, as demanded by thousands of protesters occupying main streets across the city. But he added that there's room to discuss how to form the key 1,200-member nominating committee.

Leung said such changes could be covered in a second round of consultations over the next several months.

"How we should elect the 1,200 so that the nominating committee will be broadly representative — there's room for discussion there," Leung said. "There's room to make the nominating committee more democratic, and this is one of the things we very much want

to talk to not just the students but the community at large about."

Soon after Leung spoke to The Associated Press and three other news agencies, top officials from his government began much-awaited, televised talks with student leaders.

In opening remarks, student leader Alex Chow said that an August decision by China's legislature ruling out so-called civil nomination and requiring the nominating committee has "emasculated" Hong Kong. Chow and four other student leaders faced off against five senior government officials across a U-shaped table.

Chow also took aim at Leung's comments Monday that Hong Kong shouldn't have broader democracy because the poor would have too much say in setting policies in the Asian financial hub.

Leung's remarks to The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and the Financial Times underlined how protesters' concerns have been fueled by discontent over soaring inequality in the former British colony.

Woman killed by tree as hurricane hits Britain

LONDON — A woman was killed by a falling tree in London as the remnants of Hurricane Gonzalo lashed Britain with rain and strong winds.

Several other people across the country were injured by falling branches, and the wind brought down trees onto railway lines.

The Meteorological Office said wind gusts were expected to hit 70 mph in coastal areas.

Heathrow Airport canceled about 100 flights, and some ferry crossings between Britain and Ireland were called off.

UK suspect sent to US on terrorism charge

LONDON — A mentally ill British man accused of trying to set up a terrorist training camp in Oregon was extradited to the U.S. on Tuesday after losing a nine-year legal battle.

Haroon Aswat is accused of conspiring with radical cleric Mustafa Kamel Mustafa — also known as Abu Hamza al-Masri — to set up a terrorist training camp in Bly, Ore., 15 years ago.

Aswat had been fighting extradition since his arrest on a U.S. warrant in 2005, and has been treated for paranoid schizophrenia.

Last month Britain's High Court ruled that Aswat could be extradited after receiving assurances from U.S. authorities that he would continue to be treated for his condition.

Rights group: Jamaica hostile to LGBT citizens

KINGSTON, Jamaica — A leading human rights group says in a new report that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are the targets of unchecked violence and discrimination in Jamaica. It says they are frequently refused housing or employment in the Caribbean country typically described as the region's most hostile to LGBT citizens.

The 86-page report released Tuesday by Human Rights Watch notes that LGBT citizens in Jamaica are often driven from their communities by neighbors and sometimes even family. Some health professionals stigmatize them by casting judgment on their sexuality when they seek care. Police protection against bias and physical attacks is generally poor.

The New York-based rights group is calling on the Jamaican government to strike down the anti-sodomy law that criminalizes anal sex.

From The Associated Press

Ukraine denies report it uses cluster bombs

By CAROL J. WILLIAMS
Los Angeles Times

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukrainian armed forces have never used prohibited weapons such as cluster bombs in their fight against pro-Russia separatists, a military spokesman insisted Tuesday after a rights group reported it had documented a dozen instances when the indiscriminate weapons were used in populated areas.

The report by Human Rights Watch said the weapons, in circumstances, "while not conclusive," suggesting that the separatists had also used the weapons that pack dozens or hundreds of small bombs inside a rocket that explodes over a wide area and put many people at risk.

"It is shocking to see a weapon

that most countries have banned used so extensively in eastern Ukraine," Human Rights Watch senior arms researcher Mark Hiznay said of the group's week-long investigation into the use of cluster bombs in Donetsk, a city of 1 million residents before the conflict.

Cluster bombs leave a distinctive crater and fragmentation pattern, the rights group's report noted, and several of the remnants examined included markings that allowed for positive identification of the source.

Col. Andriy Lysenko, of the National Security and Defense Council, said Ukraine appreciates the work of international monitors and human rights workers in battle-torn eastern Ukraine but

cautioned that the independent observers needed to be vigilant against incidents staged by the Russia-backed rebels.

"There are provocations every day. The terrorists set up these scenes, especially for Russian television," Lysenko said, claiming Kiev doesn't use cluster bombs by order of President Petro Poroshenko.

The Human Rights Watch report alleging government use of the weapons — banned by the Convention on Cluster Munitions, which neither Russia nor Ukraine has signed — as recently as last week added to the mounting indications that a Sept. 5 cease-fire is having little effect on the bloody violence that has been consuming eastern Ukraine.

Although Lysenko said no Ukrainian government troops had been killed in the previous 24 hours, he made clear that soldiers and volunteer militia had been engaged by numerous attacks around Donetsk.

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NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

Since 1979, at least 38 of 66 suspected Nazi war criminals and SS guards forced out of the United States collected millions of dollars in American Social Security payments. Here are profiles of a few of them.

Martin Hartmann

Hartmann is one of the most recent suspects to leave the U.S.

He volunteered for the SS in 1943 and was assigned to one of the Death's Head battalions. Those were the units that ran the Third Reich's system of death and concentration camps.

He served as a guard at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp outside Berlin.

He was stripped of his U.S. citizenship in 2007 after reaching an agreement with the Justice Department. In the agreement, he admitted to his Nazi past even though records obtained by the AP showed he disclosed his SS service to American authorities before he entered the United States.

Hartmann, 95, lives in Berlin.

John Avdzej

The Nazis installed Avdzej as a regional mayor in occupied Belarussia, where he aided the Germans in the arrest and execution of thousands of Jews.

When he immigrated to the U.S., Avdzej said he'd been a farmer and tradesman in Poland during the war.

When the Justice Department uncovered evidence about his role as a Nazi collaborator, Avdzej agreed to leave and renounce his U.S. citizenship.

Embedded in the agreement was a provision that stated "there is no basis under U.S. law for limiting in any way Avdzej's receipt of Social Security benefits."

Avdzej arrived in West Germany in 1984. The West German government protested, but he stayed. He died in 1998 at 93.

Jakob Denzinger

In 1942, at age 18, Denzinger began serving in a Death's Head unit. He was posted at several camps, including the Auschwitz death camp complex in occupied Poland.

He settled in Ohio after the war and became a successful plastics industry executive.

Years later, the Justice Department uncovered his past. In 1989, as U.S. prosecutors prepared their case to strip Denzinger of his citizenship, he fled to Germany. He later moved to Croatia.

Denzinger, 90, refused to discuss his past with an AP reporter. "I'm not interested," he said.

SOURCE: Investigative case files, court and government records, historical documents, and AP research and interviews.



Nazi officers talk with citizens of the Warsaw ghetto in Poland in 1943.

AP

'Nazi dumping'

Report: Expelled Nazis collected millions in Social Security benefits

By DAVID RISING, RANDY HERSCHAFT AND RICHARD LARDNER
The Associated Press

DOSIJEK, Croatia ozens of suspected Nazi war criminals and SS guards collected millions of dollars in U.S. Social Security benefits after being forced out of the United States, an Associated Press investigation has found.

The payments, underwritten by American taxpayers, flowed through a legal loophole that gave the U.S. Justice Department leverage to persuade Nazi suspects to leave the U.S. If they agreed to go, or simply fled before deportation, they could keep their Social Security, according to interviews and internal U.S. government records.

Among those receiving benefits were armed SS troops who guarded the network of Nazi camps where millions of Jews perished; a rocket scientist who used slave laborers to advance his research in the Third Reich; and a Nazi collaborator who engineered the arrest and execution of thousands of Jews in Poland.

There are at least four living



AP photos

Jakob Denzinger, left, and Martin Bartsch, right, were among dozens of death camp guards and suspected Nazi war criminals who collected millions of dollars in Social Security payments despite being forced out of the United States.

beneficiaries. They include Denzinger, who patrolled grounds at the Auschwitz SS guard at the Sachsenhausen camp in Germany, and Jakob

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'It's absolutely outrageous that Nazi war criminals are continuing to receive Social Security benefits when they have been outlawed from our country for many, many, many years.'

U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y.
House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

in 2007 from Arizona just before being stripped of his U.S. citizenship.

Denzinger fled to Germany from Ohio in 1989 after learning denaturalization proceedings against him were underway.

He soon resettled in Croatia and now lives in a spacious apartment on the right bank of the Drava River in Osijek. Denzinger would not discuss his situation when questioned by an AP reporter. Denzinger's son, who lives in the U.S., confirmed his father receives Social Security payments and said he deserved them.

The deals allowed the Justice Department's former Nazi-hunting unit, the Office of Special Investigations, to skirt lengthy deportation hearings and increased the number of Nazis it expelled from the U.S.

But internal U.S. government records obtained by the AP reveal heated objections from the State Department to the OSI's practices. Social Security benefits became tools, U.S. diplomatic officials said, to secure agreements in which Nazi suspects would accept the loss of citizenship and voluntarily leave the United States.

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"It's absolutely outrageous that Nazi war criminals are continuing to receive Social Security benefits when they have been outlawed from our country for many, many years," said U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney, of New York, a senior Democratic member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. She said she plans to introduce legislation to close the loophole.

Efraim Zuroff, the head Nazi hunter at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Jerusalem, said he would support efforts to close the loophole.

"If it can be done, it should be done," he said in an interview Monday.

Since 1979, the AP analysis found, at least 38 of 66 suspects removed from the country kept their Social Security benefits.

The Social Security Administration expressed outrage in 1997 over the use of benefits, the documents show, and reactions in foreign capitals reverberated at the highest levels of government.

Austrian authorities were furious upon learning after the fact about a deal made with Martin Bartsch, a former SS guard at the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. In 1987, Bartsch landed, unannounced, at the airport in Vienna. Two days later, under the terms of the deal, his U.S. citizenship was revoked.

The Romanian-born Bartsch, who had emigrated to the U.S. in 1955, was suddenly stateless and Austria's problem. Bartsch continued to receive Social Security benefits until he died in 1989.

"It was not upfront, it was not transparent, it was not a legitimate process," said James Hergen, an assistant legal adviser at the State Department from 1982 until 2007. "This

What you need to know about the report

An Associated Press investigation found that dozens of suspected Nazi war criminals and SS guards collected millions of dollars in Social Security payments, through a loophole in U.S. law after being forced out of the United States.

DOZENS OF NAZI SUSPECTS RECEIVED PAYMENTS

Since 1979, at least 38 of 66 suspected Nazi war criminals and SS guards forced from the United States collected millions of dollars in Social Security payments.

FOUR STILL COLLECTING

Today, at least four former Nazis who participated in the persecution of Jews and other civilians during World War II are living in Europe and receiving Social Security benefits.

OLD-AGE BENEFITS USED AS LEVERAGE

The U.S. Justice Department denied using Social Security benefits as a tool for removing former Nazis. But records show the State Department and Social Security Administration voiced grave concerns over the methods used by the Justice Department's Nazi-Intelligence Unit, the Office of Special Investigations.

ATTEMPTS TO STOP PAYMENTS FAILED

The payments flowed through a loophole in the law that a group of U.S. lawmakers attempted but failed to close in 1993. The Justice Department opposed the bill, saying it would undermine the effort to remove Nazi suspects as quickly as possible to countries that would prosecute them. Only 10 were prosecuted.

PAYMENTS SHROUDED IN SECRECY

The Social Security Administration refused the AP's request for the total number of Nazi suspects who received benefits and the dollar amounts of those payments.

From The Associated Press

Arthur Rudolph, one of hundreds of scientists brought to the U.S. after World War II despite their Nazi past, is seen in this undated photo.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT/AP

was not the way America should behave. We should not be dumping our refuse, for lack of a better word, on friendly states."

Neal Sher, a former OSI director, said the State Department cared more about diplomatic

niceties than holding former members of Adolf Hitler's war machine accountable. Amid the objections, the practice known as "Nazi dumping" stopped. But the benefits



loophole wasn't closed.

Justice Department spokesman Peter Carr said in an emailed statement that Social Security payments never were employed to persuade Nazi suspects to depart voluntarily.

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Spokesman William "BJ" Jarrett said the agency does not track data specific to Nazi cases.

A further barrier, Jarrett said, is that there is an exception in U.S. privacy law that "allows us to disclose information because the individual is a Nazi war criminal or an accused Nazi war criminal."

The department declined to make the acting commissioner, Carolyn Colvin, or another senior agency official available for an interview.

Paul Shapiro, director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, said the revelation that many received Social Security benefits even after removal was revealing.

"Beyond the undermining of American values that these people represented, as a group they gained leverage over government policy in critical areas relating to national security and immigration policy," he said Monday. "And even decades later as they were forced to leave the country they continued to apply that leverage at the expense of the American taxpayer."

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Martin Bartsch

Bartsch was working as an apartment building janitor when U.S. authorities uncovered incriminating evidence: As a guard at the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria, Bartsch had shot and killed a French Jew.

Bartsch feared "financial ruin," according to his family, who denied he had done anything wrong at Mauthausen. He signed an agreement to leave the U.S.

He traveled to Austria in 1987 on a valid passport. Two days after landing, under the terms of the deal, his U.S. citizenship was revoked.

The U.S. refused the Austrian government's demands to take him back. The attorney general at the time, Edwin Meese, eventually apologized to Austria.

Arthur Rudolph

Rudolph, one of Germany's most prominent rocket scientists, was brought to the U.S. after World War II because of his technical skill.

But Rudolph signed a settlement agreement with the U.S. in 1983 following an investigation into his use of slave laborers at a Nazi rocket factory.

Rudolph traveled on his U.S. passport to West Germany in 1984. Then he went to the U.S. General Consulate in Hamburg and renounced his citizenship. The West German government protested, but Rudolph remained there.

He was eventually granted German citizenship and collected U.S. Social Security benefits until his death in 1996.

Wasyly Lytwin

Lytwin served in a Nazi SS unit that took part in the destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto in 1943 — an assault that killed as many as 13,000 Jews.

But when he immigrated to the U.S. in 1957, he denied any affiliation with the SS.

He found work as a shipping clerk in Chicago.

Lytwin agreed to leave the United States in 1995 after he admitted that he concealed his SS service. The settlement agreement stated his Social Security benefits would not be affected.

Lytwin, 93, is believed to be living in Ukraine.

SOURCE: Investigative case files, court and government records, historical documents, and AP research and interviews.



The writing over the main gate of the Auschwitz death camp complex in occupied Poland reads "Arbeit Macht Frei" (Work Sets You Free).

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WIRED WORLD

Rapid response

Nigeria uses Android app with social media to battle Ebola

By YINKA IBUKUN

Bloomberg News

LAGOS, Nigeria — When Nigeria was hit by its first outbreak of the Ebola virus, health workers monitoring suspected cases armed themselves with mobile phones and an Android app that cut the time it took to report the onset of symptoms.

The app and most of the phones were provided by eHealth & Information Systems Nigeria, a Santa Ana, Calif.-based nonprofit research company that operates in the northern city of Kano. Ebola Alert, a group of volunteers, used Facebook and Twitter to educate Nigerians about the illness. Google's Nigerian unit organized training sessions for journalists on how to use Google Trends to identify top questions most people wanted answered about the disease.

The phone app helped reduce reporting times that would normally take 12 hours by half initially, then 75 percent, before becoming almost real-time, according to Daniel Tom-Aba, senior data manager at the Ebola Emergency Operation Centre in Lagos. Information previously written on forms by hand before being sent to databases could be updated immediately, he said.

"With Ebola, time is very important," Adam Thompson, the chief executive officer of eHealth & Information Systems, said by phone from Kano. "If there's a two- or three-day lag in order to get a contact to the list, this could be a problem. The person could be in a different country by that point."

After a two-month campaign, during which more than 800 people who came into contact with infected people were placed under surveillance, Nigerian officials are confident the outbreak has been contained. The Health Ministry isn't monitoring anyone at the moment, and Nigeria this week was declared Ebola-free by the World Health Organization.

Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation, with about 170 million people and the continent's biggest economy, recorded 19 cases, with seven confirmed deaths and 12 recoveries, according to the Health Ministry. That's a 40 percent fatality rate for a disease that could kill up to 90 percent of those infected.

The latest Ebola outbreak in West Africa has killed more than 4,500 people, according to the WHO, making it the worst in history.

eHealth is exporting its app-loaded mobile phones and other tech-based tools to Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia, the three worst-hit countries in West Africa.

"We've established three operations in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea," Thompson said in an Oct. 4 emailed response to questions from Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone. "We're managing about \$14 million of private foundation funds to support emergency operations."

The main lessons in Nigeria were the importance of fast communication and instant tracking.

"One of the key things that worked for Nigeria was the fact that we knew the index case and we were able to trace all the contacts back to him," Tom-Aba said. "Every contact tracer had a GPS incorporated in their phones so we knew that they had gone to the contact's house. That built accountability."

Liberian civil servant Patrick Sawyer introduced the virus into Nigeria when he arrived on July 20. Sawyer and four of the health workers who treated him also died of Ebola. Contact tracers made 18,500 home visits to check on people who may have been exposed, according to a Sept. 30 report on the website of the Center for Diseases Control.

Laboratory technicians conducting tests were given tablets to scan and upload results to the emergency center database. Field teams in turn got text-message alerts on their phones informing them of the results, he said.

Journalists also were shown how to create visuals using Google Maps and Google Earth to better tell the story.

"From the beginning of August to mid-September, about two terms in the top five searches were Ebola-related," Taiwo Kola-Ogunlade, Google's communications manager for West Africa, said in a phone interview from Lagos on Oct. 6. "We noticed journalists were missing the story because people were asking questions as simple as, 'What is quarantine?'"

Lawal Bakare, 31, a dentist, corralled Facebook friends at home and abroad to create Ebola Alert, which educated Nigerians about the disease online.

Within a week, they formed a partnership with the government to operate a helpline that took 600 calls per day. The group's Facebook and Twitter accounts have more than 30,000 followers combined as of Oct. 6, and its website, www.ebolaalert.org, had 4 million hits in August alone, Bakare said.

As Nigerians' interest in Ebola wanes, a growing amount of traffic is

now coming from the United States, which diagnosed its first case of the disease in Dallas on Sept. 30. The patient had traveled from Liberia. Bakare estimates that about 21 percent of the group's followers are now from the U.S.

Past communication in a country where they are 130 million mobile-phone users had its downside: unsubstantiated rumors.

Some text messages circulated saying that drinking a salt solution would prevent the infection. At least two people were confirmed dead from drinking too much salt by the Health Ministry.

"As the rumor-mongers are generating their rumors, we are countering almost real-time on Twitter especially to manage panic," Bakare said.

He cited the example of a Lagos church that put up a poster advertising "free immunization" from the virus.

For Nigeria, the next target in the fight against Ebola is to halt its spread in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, according to Alex Okoh, the director of Port Health Services in Lagos.

"We may be Ebola-free, but as long as there's still an outbreak in the sub-region, we're still at risk," she said in an interview. "We can't let our guard down because we still have people criss-crossing the continent."

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Armed robbery suspect caught with gun, drugs

PA TYRONE — A central Pennsylvania man has been jailed after police say they found him in some woods with a gun and drugs shortly after he allegedly robbed a pharmacy.

Online court records don't list an attorney for Michael Martinez, 30, of Tyrone.

Tyrone police allege that Martinez entered the Community Pharmacy shortly after 2 p.m. Sunday and demanded drugs while brandishing the gun.

Police said he got away with OxyContin, a powerful painkiller, before police found him about two blocks away in the woods.

He faces a preliminary hearing Oct. 28 and remained in the Blair County Prison on Monday.

Volunteers fix veteran's stolen wheelchair ramp

IL QUINCY — Roger Rupp was incredulous when he learned his wheelchair ramp had been taken from his home two weeks ago.

Rupp, a U.S. Army veteran, has multiple sclerosis, and the aluminum ramp helped him access a garage at the rear of his house. Quincy police said the ramp and two handrails were swiped sometime between Oct. 5 and 6.

After hearing about the ramp's disappearance, a group of local volunteers sprung into action to provide Rupp with a brand-new one.

Coordinator Dave Ulrich reached out to David Bunn, founder of Better Homes for Our Homeless and the main planner, to help rebuild Rupp's ramp.

They and a handful of others spent Sunday morning sawing, drilling and hammering on the new wooden structure.

Bunn said the group did more than restore it. Volunteers built the new ramp in an L-shape so Rupp wouldn't have to wheel into an alley behind his house to get to his garage.

They also added solar lights so the ramp is visible at night.

Sheriff warns of arrest warrant phone scam

TN CHATTANOOGA — Sheriff's investigators in Hamilton County have issued a warning about a phone scam involving claims of an arrest warrant by the caller.

Investigators told WRNC-TV in Chattanooga that a woman identifying herself as "Lt. Blackmon" of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Fugitive Division is telling people they have a warrant out for their arrest.

The caller then says a fee could solve the issue and directs the person to go to an area Wal-Mart store to purchase a Green Dot card for an amount of money, then call him back at a phone number he gives them. Sheriff's officials say the calls are a scam and the Fugitive Division does not request money or direct anyone to buy a Green Dot card.



Rob O'Neal, Florida Keys News Bureau/AP

Ghoulishly garbed

Participants in the Zombie Bike Ride pedal down a street in Key West, Fla. The event attracted some 7,000 ghoulish riders and coincided with Key West's annual Fantasy Fest costume and masking festival that continues through Sunday.

Newark students face charges following melee

DE NEWARK — At least a dozen students are facing charges after a melee at a Newark school.

Police said they responded to Newark High School around 7 a.m. Monday and broke up a fight in the school cafeteria. Shortly after, a large fight broke out in two hallways.

Officers then found a large crowd, with multiple fights occurring simultaneously. They called for backup and, with the help of school staff, broke up the fights.

Newark police said between 12 and 15 students were taken into custody and released to their families. Lt. Mark Farrall said they'll later be arrested and charged. No injuries were reported.

Farrall said the fights may have broken out following posts on social media that Monday would be "riot day" at the school.

Inmate gets another life term in cellmate's death

SC COLUMBIA — A South Carolina inmate has been sentenced to a third life sentence in the death and mutilation of his cellmate.

Prosecutor Donnie Myers said in a news release that John New, 35, was sentenced last week. Court records show he pleaded guilty and had been charged with murder. New was already serving two life sentences related to a

1999 prison riot. Authorities said they got a call about a stabbing and found the mutilated body of Ricky Cooper, 49, near a shower at McCormick Correctional Institution. The word "pervert" was written on the convicted child molester's head. Cooper began serving a 20-year sentence in 2009 for sexually assaulting minors.

Trial set for detective accused of stealing

TN SHELBYVILLE — A February 2015 trial date has been set for a former Bedford County detective charged with theft after investigators say she took more than \$10,000 from sex offenders.

The Commercial Appeal reported that Senior Judge Don R. Ash, of Murfreesboro, set the date and a Jan. 23 deadline for any negotiated plea in the case.

A trial for Rebecca Hord, 58, of Shelbyville, had been scheduled to begin Tuesday. She's charged with theft over \$10,000, official misconduct and four counts of forgery. Investigators say Hord took the funds from convicted sex offenders who paid their registration fees and were issued generic receipts.

Chicken fight has town clucking; mayor resigns

MI TAWAS CITY — A flock of nine hens is doing more than ruffling feathers in a

northern Michigan community — the mayor has resigned amid an ongoing chicken fight.

Phil and Theresa Hurst are charged with violating a Tawas City ordinance by raising chickens in a residential area, a misdemeanor. The Detroit News reported. They face up to a 90-day jail sentence and a \$500 fine if convicted. The Hursts were due back in court Tuesday.

Mayor Kane Kelly said city council members pressured him to resign in September after he tried to help the couple.

Inmate's Ebola, trip to Africa story was faked

NV LAS VEGAS — Officials at the Clark County Detention Center said an inmate who claimed he was suffering from Ebola lied about visiting Africa and tested negative for the virus.

Police said the inmate was booked into the jail Saturday night and starting claiming symptoms Sunday morning. Officials said they immediately segregated him from other inmates and took him to University Medical Center.

Staff members dealing with the man put on protective gear, and the areas where the inmate had been were decontaminated.

The inmate later tested negative for Ebola, and an investigation revealed that the man had never been outside the U.S. He was rebooked into the jail.

From wire reports

THE CENSUS

31 The number of pounds of marijuana and pot-infused edibles found in the

luggage of an Amtrak passenger from Minneapolis. The Tri-Agency Safe Trails Task Force said Amtrak personnel contacted authorities last week to report a passenger who smelled of marijuana. Agents with the task force and the U.S. Border Patrol confronted Mohamed Yasin Aboubaker, 33, when the train stopped on Thursday in Havre, Mont. The Havre Daily News reported that authorities removed his luggage and he was allowed to continue traveling. Aboubaker was arrested when the train arrived in Malta, about 90 miles from Havre. He was jailed on \$75,000 bond and faces three felony drug charges.



FACES

Witherspoon's wild ride

Latest role takes actress well out of her comfort zone

By **BETSY SHARKEY**
Los Angeles Times

Reece Witherspoon started crawling out of the romantic-comedy muck two years ago in "Mud," aptly titled given the situation. "The actress' love 'em and leave 'em down-market girl in 'Mud' is dialed-down gritty. A far cry from typical for an actress who has traveled a great distance as the good girl with a slight Southern drawl and a very pretty smile.

Earlier this month, the 38-year-old continued the trend, a nicely understated supporting act to the *Lost Boys* of Sudan in "The Good Lie." But the Oscar-winner is used to serve notice that she intends, once again, to be taken seriously when she goes "Wild."

The film, based on Cheryl Strayed's bestselling memoir, hit the fall film festival circuit on its way to a December release and an awards bid. The actress translates Strayed's punishing solo hike along the Pacific Crest Trail in a journey to regain her soul.

For Witherspoon, "Wild" is, if you will, her "Illegally Blonde," the antithesis of the actress' 2001 breakout in "Legally Blonde." In that film, she plays a pampered sorority queen bee who gets serious after a heartbreak and makes it into Harvard Law School. That "Blonde" played to her known qualities: smart, sassy, sweet and single-minded.

Like many actors, success became a Catch-22 for Witherspoon. The studios preferred to stick like glue to her romantic-comedy cachet, long after the thrill was gone. Backed into these sort of Hollywood corners, actors get antsy to do something different. And that, in turn, makes the money guys antsy, not so eager to back a risk, particularly one being taken by an actress heading toward 40. Which is why Witherspoon, like so many of her peers, got in the production game to find projects, like "Wild," that interested her.

For many years, there seemed to be no question about who Witherspoon was: America's Southern sweetheart. In 1999, she had a critical breakthrough as the manipulative mean girl in Alexander Payne's "Election." But the one-two punch of

2001's "Legally Blonde" — box-office hit, praise for her performance — certified Witherspoon as leading-lady material.

A year later, one of her most successful films thus far — at least money-wise — came in "Sweet Home Alabama," her classic Southern belle over-taking New York City high society. Naturally, a "Blonde" sequel followed. Critics trashed it, and fans didn't like it much better.

Fans continued to show up for Witherspoon films, though in lessening numbers. The promise praised in "Blonde" quickly gave way to grumbling about unrealized potential. Since Hollywood didn't see it that way, the actress continued to rack up credits and cash, but no cred, until Cash.

In playing country singer June Carter opposite Joaquin Phoenix's unerring Johnny Cash in 2005's "Walk the Line," she became an actress worth serious consideration. From her singing to her sass, she lit up the screen, she caught everyone off guard, and she walked away with an Oscar for it.

What set her portrayal of June Carter apart from all that had come before was the way Witherspoon created a rich emotional center and built a complex character out from there. But in the films that followed, such as 2007's "Rendition" and "Four Christmases" in 2008, that depth didn't last.

To Witherspoon's credit, she took notice.

Fewer and mostly better roles began showing up, starting with 2011's "Water for Elephants." The literary adaptation, which costarred Robert Pattinson and Christoph Waltz, while not roundly embraced, was a risk and a challenge. Witherspoon's beautiful but abused Depression-era circus moll had some heartbreaking moments.

In 2013, her career took a different sort of hit, when she was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct — her "Do you know who I am?" tirade lighting up the social media networks.

But fans do like a repenter, and Witherspoon has done that with public apologies and no repeat offenses. The incident definitely tarnished her "good girl" image, but it also made Witherspoon seem human. Perhaps that fall from grace helped inform the very flawed woman she plays in "Wild."

Lank hair, F-bombs, drugs, inappropriate sex, bad choices, literary soul, Cheryl Strayed is not seeking our forgiveness or our friendship. In playing her, Witherspoon unearths an organic, earthy side, baring her

bruises and her blisters and most of the rest of her body. But it is her naked vulnerability that sets the performance apart.

Darker, it turns out, is a good look.



DANE BONDAREFF/AP

Clothing designer Oscar de la Renta takes a bow with models Karlie Kloss, left, and Daria Strokouss, right, Sept. 9 after his Spring 2015 collection is modeled during Fashion Week in New York. De la Renta, a favorite of socialites and movie stars alike, has died. He was 82.

Designer de la Renta dies

From wire services

Oscar de la Renta, the worldly gentleman designer who shaped the wardrobe of socialites, first ladies and Hollywood stars for more than four decades, has died. He was 82.

De la Renta died at home Monday evening in Connecticut, according to a handwritten statement signed by his stepdaughter Eliza Reed Bolen and her husband, Alex Bolen. The statement did not specify a cause of death, but de la Renta had spoken in the past of having cancer.

The late '60s and early '70s were a defining moment in U.S. fashion as New York-based designers carved out a look of their own that was finally taken seriously by Europeans. De la Renta and his peers, including the late Bill Blass, Roy Halston and Geoffrey Beene, defined American style — and their influence is still spotted today.

De la Renta's specialty was evening-wear, though he also was known for chic daytime suits. His signature looks were voluminous skirts, exquisite embroideries and rich colors reminiscent of his Dominican Republic heritage.

Most recently, Amal Alamuddin wore a de la Renta-designed wedding dress when she married George Clooney in Venice. And earlier this month, first lady Michelle Obama notably wore a de la Renta dress for the first time. De la Renta had criticized her several years ago for wearing foreign designers.

Cost of making Hobbit movies up to \$745M

The movie trilogy "The Hobbit" has so far cost nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars to make as the epic continues to set new benchmarks for studio spending.

Financial documents filed this month in New Zealand, where the three movies are being made, show production costs through March had reached \$745 million.

The cost eclipses previous records for film productions. On a per-film basis, however, the movies are not the most expensive ever made. At least not yet.

Box Office Mojo and Guinness World Records estimate that record goes to "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," which cost about \$300 million to make.

Box Office Mojo estimates the first two Hobbit movies took in a combined \$1.98 billion at the box office.

Other news

■ "Saturday Night Live" is giving its on-screen diversity an other boost. NBC says the comic institution is adding Leslie Jones to its cast. The African-American comedian wins her on-camera role after serving as a writer on the show last season.

■ An actor best known for his role in the television series "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" is apologizing for actions that led to his arrest in a hotel lobby in Idaho. Nicholas Brendon, who played Xander Harris on the hit show that ran from 1997 to 2003, said Monday on Facebook that he erred by mixing prescribed pain medication and alcohol. He faces misdemeanor charges of resisting officers and malicious injury to property.

■ Film studio Lionsgate and entertainment firm Tribeca Enterprises have teamed up to create an online streaming video service, the companies said on Monday. The on-demand service, which is expected to launch in the first half of next year, will include movies from Lionsgate and Tribeca, as well as titles from other companies. Lionsgate and Tribeca did not say what they will charge subscribers.

■ "American Horror Story" creators Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuck are joining "Glee" writer and director Ian Brennan for "Scream Queens," a comedy-horror anthology series that is set to premiere on the Fox television network in fall 2015. Like "American Horror Story," "Scream Queens" will tell a different story each season but will always feature two female leads. The first season, consisting of 15 one-hour episodes, is to be set on a college campus where a series of murders has taken place.

■ Pitbull will host the 2014 American Music Awards. The rapper will also perform at the fan-voted Nov. 23 event that will air live on ABC, dick clark productions announced Monday.

■ Online retailer Amazon.com has reached a multiyear agreement with publisher Simon & Schuster. The deal covers both print and digital books.



Reese Witherspoon in "Wild" FOX SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Air-bag recall issued for 4.7 million

The Associated Press

DETROIT — The U.S. government issued an urgent plea to more than 4.7 million people to get the air bags in their cars fixed, amid concern that a defect in the devices can possibly kill or injure the driver or passengers.

The inflator mechanisms in the air bags can rupture, causing metal fragments to fly out when the bags are deployed in crashes. Safety advocates say at least four people have died from the problem and there have been multiple injuries.

Multiple automakers have recalled vehicles in the U.S. over the past two years to repair air bag inflators made by Takata Corp., a Tokyo-based supplier of seat belts, air bags, steering wheels and other auto parts. In a statement Monday, the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration warned owners of those cars to act right away.

The agency has been investigating the problem since June,

The warning covers cars made by Toyota, Honda, Mazda, BMW, Nissan, General Motors and Ford. Passenger or driver air bags or both could have the faulty inflators.

and has cited reports of six inflators rupturing, causing three injuries.

Worldwide, automakers have recalled about 12 million vehicles because of the problem.

The warning covers cars made by Toyota, Honda, Mazda, BMW, Nissan, General Motors and Ford. Passenger or driver air bags or both could have the faulty inflators. Safety advocates say the problem could affect more than 20 million vehicles in the U.S.

The rare action by federal regulators comes three weeks after a Sept. 29 crash near Orlando, Fla., that claimed the life of a 46-year-old man. In that crash, Hien Thi Tran suffered

severe neck wounds that could have been caused by metal fragments flying out of the air bag on her 2001 Honda Accord. Her Accord was among the models being recalled.

One police agency concluded that the air bags caused her wounds, while another is still investigating. NHTSA is seeking information in the case.

Toyota on Monday issued a recall covering passenger air bags in 247,000 older model vehicles including the Lexus SC, Corolla, Matrix, Sequoia and Tundra. Like many earlier recalls, Toyota's covers vehicles in South Florida, along the Gulf Coast, in Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam,

Saipan and American Samoa — all areas that have high absolute humidity.

Toyota said it's working with Takata to pinpoint the cause of the rupture and to gauge the influence of high absolute humidity, which is a measurement of water vapor in the air.

NHTSA is offering a tool for people to check if their car has been recalled at www.nhtsa.gov/.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 22)	\$1.3096
Dollar buys (Oct. 22)	€0.7636
British pound (Oct. 22)	\$1.166
Japanese yen (Oct. 22)	104.00
South Korean won (Oct. 22)	1,028.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.1654
Canada (dollar)	1.1239
China (Yuan)	6.1210
Denmark (Krone)	6.9454
Egypt (Pound)	7.1525
Euro	\$1.2740/0.7850
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7563
Hungary (Forint)	240.35
Israel (Shekel)	3.7402
Japan (Yen)	106.27
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2882
Norway (Krone)	6.5655
Philippines (Peso)	44.77
Poland (Zloty)	3.31
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7523
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2713
South Korea (Won)	1,053.67
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9470
Thailand (Baht)	32.27
Turkey (Lira)	2.2373

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For non-local currency exchange rates (i.e., non-UK British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

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Discount rate	4.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.25
30-year bond	2.97

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WEDNESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



WEDNESDAY IN EUROPE



THURSDAY IN THE PACIFIC



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Wednesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	67	44	Cir	Fort Wayne	55	38	PCldy	Louisville	60	43	Cir	Pocatello	59	32	PCldy	Shrewport	80	56	Cir
Ablene, Texas	77	56	Cir	Cheyenne	66	45	PCldy	Fresno	79	57	Cir	Lubbock	69	55	Rain	Portland, Maine	54	38	Rain	Sioux City	68	47	Cir
Akron, Ohio	53	42	Cir	Chicago	53	41	Cir	Goodland	72	53	Cir	Macon	75	46	Cir	Portland, Ore.	61	54	Rain	Sioux Falls	66	48	Rain
Albany, N.Y.	54	45	Rain	Cincinnati	54	41	PCldy	Grand Junction	65	45	Cir	Madison	55	33	Cir	Providence	59	52	Rain	South Bend	54	37	Cir
Albuquerque	70	50	PCldy	Cleveland	54	45	Cir	Grand Rapids	54	33	Cir	Medford	67	48	Cir	Pueblo	70	47	Cir	Spokane	54	43	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	57	47	Rain	Colorado Springs	62	46	Cir	Great Falls	60	39	Cir	Memphis	68	49	Cir	Raleigh-Durham	64	46	PCldy	Springfield, Ill.	59	40	Cir
Amarillo	70	52	PCldy	Columbia, S.C.	70	48	Cir	Green Bay	53	39	Cir	Miami Beach	85	74	Rain	Rapid City	66	50	Rain	Springfield, Mo.	69	46	Cir
Anchorage	40	28	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	74	49	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	62	44	PCldy	Mililand-Odessa	72	54	Rain	Reo	71	39	PCldy	Syracuse	51	43	Cir
Ashville	64	44	PCldy	Columbus, Ohio	54	44	Cir	Harrisburg	53	41	Cir	Mobile	76	54	Cir	Richmond	64	47	Cir	Tallahassee	79	58	Cir
Atlanta	68	49	Cir	Concord, N.H.	53	47	Rain	Hartford Springfield	55	50	Rain	Mpls-St. Paul	59	39	PCldy	Roanoke	58	45	Cir	Tampa	64	49	PCldy
Atlantic City	60	50	Rain	Corpus Christi	84	67	PCldy	Helena	60	37	Cir	Missoula	57	38	PCldy	Rochester	51	44	Rain	Toledo	56	39	PCldy
Austin	81	60	PCldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	78	63	PCldy	Honolulu	88	75	PCldy	Nashville	64	43	Cir	St. Louis	59	52	Rain	Tucson	89	61	Cir
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Boston	58	53	Rain	El Paso	75	56	Cir	Kansas City	68	46	PCldy	North Platte	72	50	Cir	San Francisco	73	59	Cir	Wilmington, Del.	59	50	Rain
Bridgport	50	40	Rain	Elkins	46	31	Cir	Key West	85	76	Rain	Okla. City	78	57	PCldy	San Jose	74	54	PCldy	Youngstown	52	43	Cir
Brownsville	85	72	Cir	Erie	52	45	Cir	Knoxville	61	41	PCldy	Omaha	67	47	Cir	San Jose	74	54	PCldy	Youngstown	52	43	Cir
Buffalo	51	43	Cir	Eugene	63	52	Rain	Lake Charles	81	59	Cir	Orlando	84	65	Cir	San Francisco	73	59	Cir	Youngstown	52	43	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	50	33	Cir	Fairbanks	61	41	Cir	Lansing	53	35	PCldy	Paducah	64	43	Cir	San Juan, P.R.	89	77	Cir	Youngstown	52	43	Cir
Caribou, Maine	53	41	PCldy	Fargo	64	49	Cir	Las Vegas	83	61	Cir	Pendleton	67	44	Cir	Santa Fe	68	42	Cir	Youngstown	52	43	Cir
Casper	63	41	PCldy	Fargo	64	49	Cir	Lexington	56	42	PCldy	Phoenix	59	59	Cir	Santa Fe	68	42	Cir	Youngstown	52	43	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	72	55	Cir	Flagstaff	65	36	Cir	Lincoln	71	48	Cir	Philadelphia	59	50	Rain	St. Marie	48	28	Cir	Youngstown	52	43	Cir
Charleston, W.Va.	53	45	Cir	Flint	52	38	PCldy	Little Rock	70	49	Cir	Phoenix	92	68	Cir	Savannah	73	55	Cir	Youngstown	52	43	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	64	46	Cir	Fort Smith	76	54	PCldy	Los Angeles	82	60	Cir	Pittsburgh	52	43	Cir	Seattle	61	55	Rain	Youngstown	52	43	Cir

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OPINION

Middle class struggles to raise kids

By ADAM SCHICKEDANZ and NEAL HALFON

Parenthood should be affordable in this country, but the cost of raising a child from birth to adulthood is now a quarter of a million dollars and projected to double by the time today's toddlers reach their teens. Will having kids soon be out of reach economically for many American families?

A recent report from the Center for American Progress found that middle-class families are feeling an unprecedented economic squeeze — caught between stagnating wages and the exploding cost of basics like housing, health care and children's education. Most families, it seems, are getting by on less and living closer to the financial edge to help their kids grow up healthy and get ahead.

The most striking growth in costs to families has been in child care, where expenses have climbed about \$200 annually in each of the last dozen years, with nearly tenfold growth since the 1960s. Child care, on average, consumes \$1 of every \$5 in a family's budget and exceeds the typical rent in every state.

In terms of their kids' health, families increasingly have to choose between treating their children's medical needs and paying household bills. Despite gains in the percentage of children with health insurance, per capita medical spending on kids has quietly ballooned faster than for any other age group, with families paying more for premiums and steeper out-of-pocket expenses.

For evidence to suggest that middle-class parents might already be getting priced out of parenthood, look to the national birth rate. It is barely above the recession but, unlike in previous economic rebounds,

has continued to drop. That makes sense in financial context, given that most families haven't seen their incomes grow since the recovery began and the median net worth of households has actually fallen below what it was 15 years ago. Most families today don't have enough saved to meet basic needs for three months, let alone save for college or retirement.

For folks in the middle class, the economic calculus of raising kids must be daunting. Not only are the costs unaffordable, but parents also face a harsh ultimatum: "Keep up with the Gateses" or risk your children's health, achievement and long-term well-being.

Higher-income families spend six times more than working-class families on child care and educational resources, such as high-quality day care, summer camps, computers and private schools, which are increasingly indispensable investments in long-term success. This spending inequity has tripled over the last four decades and is only accelerating, which is likely to widen the achievement gap, creating a vicious cycle.

The public education infrastructure, designed generations ago to drive a strong economy and give every child an equal footing for success, is crumbling from neglect — stuck between those who argue for expansion and those who argue for redesign. As a consequence, it is unable to prepare most kids for the new economy. The statistics are grim. Two-thirds of preschoolers don't have access to high-quality child care, two-thirds of public school students fail to meet math and language proficiency by eighth grade, and two-thirds of public high schoolers aren't ready for college when they graduate.

To solve these problems we have increas-

ingly relied on a public safety net designed to catch what used to be a small number of kids falling through the cracks. But over the last 50 years those cracks have become chasms. When funding constraints for programs such as Early Head Start to enroll just 4 percent of eligible children needing early intervention and half of pediatricians opt out of accepting kids on Medicaid, these are clear signs that it's time to rethink our approach.

These economic realities are contributing to a swift loss of academic opportunity, health prospects and upward mobility among children whose parents cannot afford to spend top dollar. With this de facto economic segregation of opportunity leaving working families in the economic dust, we are risking the prosperity and social mobility of our kids for years to come.

We should be reinvesting in working families and modernizing our public infrastructure. Not only would this make parenthood more feasible, it also makes good economic sense. We know that investing early in kids yields considerable savings by reducing chronic health problems, building stable families and increasing earning potential.

The opportunity to raise healthy, smart and successful kids shouldn't be an economic luxury. It's time we made parenthood affordable again by investing more in kids and families. Given that what's at stake is the success of our country, the alternative is unaffordable.

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Economy needs bros, nerds to work together

cause playing sports builds interpersonal skills. In Japan, the government even uses tax incentives to encourage companies to go on late-night drinkin' sessions (often to the detriment of family life).

Nerds, on the other hand, have technical skills in engineering, math and science. In recent decades, we've seen an enormous rise in the economic value of nerdhood, as the skill premium has risen. Many economists attribute that to the impact of information technology and the movement of the U.S. economy up the value chain. Wages for software engineers in Silicon Valley continue to soar. Meanwhile, the startup economy has thrust nerds into leadership roles previously occupied mostly by bros. And companies such as LinkedIn are beginning to automate the process of human networking.

This has put economic pressure on the bros. Back-slapping and bad jokes are no longer enough to sustain a modern business. The Wall Street boom of the 2000s placed a premium on relationship building, but now that the finance industry is getting squeezed, a lot of bros are teching up and moving out to Silicon Valley. Within the finance industry, too, the increasing importance of networking is forcing bros to nerd out, and motivating nerds to management and trading roles where they get a crash course in bro-ing.

In other words, the Internet caused the "Revenge of the Nerds," but it's also bringing about a merger of the nerd and the bro — the end of the old rivalry. This is good, because the nerd-bro fight was always a little silly. Nerds and bros work best when they complement each other and share

skills.

With that war ending, new social challenges are popping up. The most important of these is how to integrate women into U.S. business culture. Bro culture has a long history of excluding women, of course, and the down-and-out nerds long benefited from the stereotype of being nicer to women. But I'm starting to see a fear that some nerds, after winning social status, will act like the Jacobins in the French Revolution, taking collective revenge on women after years of footloose ignorance. And Silicon Valley is a great place, but it does have a sexism problem.

Fortunately, many of the most high-profile nerds are actively fighting against this sexism. Google is making a big push to train female programmers. Andreesen and his wife, Lauren Arrillaga-Andreesen, give large amounts of money to nonprofits that promote gender diversity in the tech industry. Meanwhile, many venture capital firms are making a conscious effort to fund more female entrepreneurs. I think that the likeliest outcome is the best one — organizations gradually shed their gender bias, and the would-be Robespierres remain confined to nerd-dom's lower recesses, in fetid slime-pits such as "GamerGate."

So the great nerd-bro war is ending. "Nerd" and "bro" will eventually stop being social classes, and start simply being two different hats that we wear. The more important social struggle will be whether we can expand "bro" to include Sis.

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OPINION

Ginsburg's dissent will boost voting rights

By RICHARD L. HASEN
Slate

On the surface, Supreme Court justices seem to have it pretty easy. They decide only around 70 cases per year with a written opinion, meaning each of the nine justices on average gets assigned to write fewer than nine majority opinions per year. They do not sit for regular argument in July, August or September, and some justices use part of those summer months to moonlight as guest law professors in exotic locations.

But every so often court watchers are reminded that these justices are working very hard behind the scenes by reading briefs, exchanging memos and debating outcomes. Case in point: The justices issued an order and a dissent in a Texas voting rights case at 5 a.m. Saturday morning. Supreme Court reporters stood by all night for the ruling. The holdup apparently was Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's six-page dissent, joined by justices Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor.

The Supreme Court allowed Texas to use its voter ID law in the upcoming election, even though a federal court decided a few weeks ago that Texas' law violated both the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act, and that Texas engaged in intentional racial discrimination in voting. The trial court had barred Texas from using its law in this election, but the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit reversed that decision last week, and the law's challengers went to the Supreme Court, where, as expected, the court sided with Texas.

The Supreme Court's order was consistent with some of the recent orders indicating that lower courts should not change the rules of running an election shortly before voting begins. I have dubbed this rule the "Purcell Principle." For a 2006 Supreme Court case so concluding.

The court had to decide the emergency ruling quickly — early voting began in Texas on Monday — but Ginsburg did not need to write her extensive dissent. The

week before, when justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dissented from a Supreme Court order putting Wisconsin's voter ID law on hold, their entire dissent was only a few sentences. It was a dissent that disturbingly treated the right to vote as less important than deference to the Court of Appeals judgment, kind of an Anti-Purcell Principle.

Sometimes justices disagree with emergency court orders such as these and do not even bother to write a formal dissent. And recently the majority has not been explaining its various orders in cases from voting rights, to abortion, to same-sex marriage, at all.

So why did Ginsburg keep the court and court-watchers up all night for a relatively lengthy dissent from an order issued with no majority opinion? There is no way to know from the outside, but my guess is that she wanted to make an important statement about how the Supreme Court should handle these voting cases going forward and to publicly flag who she believes the court is going wrong. Like a rare oral dissent from the bench after a written opinion, this middle-of-the-night dissent calls attention to what Ginsburg likely sees as a grave injustice.

To begin with, Ginsburg pushed back against the Purcell Principle. Sure, it is important to make sure that courts do not change election rules at the last minute, but there were other issues at stake in deciding on the Texas stay. For example, the trial court — after a full trial on the merits — found that Texas was intentionally discriminating against minority voters. It appears to be precedent to let a law that was deemed racially discriminatory go into effect simply to avoid the risk of voter confusion and election administration inefficiency.

Further, Ginsburg highlighted the large discriminatory effects of the law. Texas had what she called "the great wasteland in the country" with many forms of identification such as college student and vet-



erans ID cards unacceptable. Unlike other states, Texas did not have an exemption in the law for those who were too poor to afford the certified birth certificate or other documents necessary to get the "free" ID card — a card that Ginsburg said Texas did not let people know was widely available.

Ginsburg also highlighted the trial court's findings that there were hundreds of thousands of voters potentially unable to get IDs because they were hours away from the government offices issuing IDs. The state had not made reasonable efforts to get IDs into the hands of everyone who wanted them.

Importantly, Ginsburg concluded that the effect of the law is entirely bound to diminish voter confidence in the system. "The greatest threat to public confidence in elections in this case is the prospect of enforcing a purposefully discriminatory law, one that likely imposes an unconstitutional poll tax and risks denying the right to vote to hundreds of thousands of eligible voters," she wrote.

The Texas case will likely make it back to the Supreme Court, perhaps next year, after the 5th Circuit takes a full look at the case. While the Supreme Court's vote on the stay order in the Texas case does not tell us for sure how things will go when the court gets to the constitutional merits of the challenge, the five conservative justices on the Supreme Court are likely to let Texas put its ID law in place because of their general view of the scope of the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act. No doubt Ginsburg knows this.

But she's not going down without a fight, and if this dissent stands for anything, it's for the proposition that even if the court opts to erode the right to vote by way of unsigned orders at dawn, Ruth Bader Ginsburg will not let it be invisible to the rest of us.

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For the victims of voyeurs, a terrible theft of trust

By PETULA DVORAK
The Washington Post

All these photo scandals we're talking about? They aren't really about the photos. They're about the people.

These aren't just dirty old men who want to see bare breasts and thighs. The rabbi arrested in Washington for allegedly hiding a camera in the mikvah pool area where women take sacred, private ritual baths, the Baltimore gynecologist who secretly filmed his patient examinations, the freaks hacking into celebrity cellphones and even creeps snapping photos up women's skirts all have easy access to plenty of porn.

(Trust me. As the mother of two boys constantly checking on their computer use every Hot Wheels Carx track search is a click or two away from high-def depravity.)

But, no, it's not body parts that these men are after. The turn-on here is about power, subjugation and humiliation. It's about men getting what they want, despite what women say.

It's insidious not only because it's cowardly and cheap, but also because in some cases, it's done by the very men women trust most. They are the down-low sexists whose version of sexual assault is a mental game.

It's an attitude that is disturbingly popular:

Members of Washington's Jewish community were stunned by the recent news that Rabbi Barry Freundel, a renowned scholar and a towering figure in the Keshar Israel Congregation, had been charged with six counts of voyeurism and would face up to six years in prison. Investigators say Freundel, 62, recorded women in the mikvah area using a clock radio that contained a hidden camera.

This is the wise man who guided women on their spiritual path, who helped them through times of tribulation or urged them on to further enlightenment. One woman who studied with him for her conversion to Judaism said he even helpfully suggested that she take as many practice dips in the mikvah pool as she liked. But she said he also warned her against disturbing that oddball rabbi near "the great wasteland in the country." And now every woman who has ever come in contact with this powerful figure will wonder.

I'll tell you this, catcalling on the street is less dangerous than this kind of betrayal.

What happened in that bath area was sacred to the women who sat at the table, vulnerable, unclothed and alone with their thoughts.

Stealing that right to privacy, to comfort and to an expectation of safety is taking away something that can never be replaced.

The same goes for what happened in the medical offices of Nikita A. Levy, a Johns

Hopkins gynecologist who killed himself last year in the middle of a police investigation that uncovered two decades' worth of patient pictures surreptitiously taken in his offices.

There are few things women hate more than getting on that table. The only solace in this annual torture is that this is a doctor.

If Levy found pleasure in naked women parts, it apparently wasn't enough to spend his day looking at them. He filmed them. And that, to me, seemed less about having fun and more about even more crutches for pleasure and more about subjugating and objectifying the trust that these women placed in him.

Trust. That's the theft here.

In Hanna Rosin's recent keep-you-from-having-kids piece in the Atlantic, "Why Kids Sex?," she interviews boys who spent an insane amount of time wooing girls, complimenting them, building their trust enough to get them to sext a nude photo of themselves.

Then, the boys drop the girls like rocks and post their photos on Instagram or other sites, where they humiliate the girls and pile on, calling them "down low les" because they are good girls whose alleged slutty side is below the radar.

None. These aren't the boys sneaking peeks at the Playboys behind the modesty cover at the corner store, because how else are they ever going to see a breast? This

humiliation of females they are learning at a young age is the building block for a far more dangerous and insidious sexism.

The predators who aren't engaging enough to form relationships with women before trashing their trust behind their backs have a way into this game, too.

They are the upskirters — the guys who get close to women in public spaces and shoot photos up their skirts. Charges were recently dropped against a guy who lurked on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and filled his camera's memory card with under-skirt photos. The judge ruled that he did not do anything illegal, saying the woman had positioned themselves in ways that made their intimate areas visible to any passerby.

The comment sections on this court story were filled with hate, telling women they have no right to privacy if they wear skirts in public.

Sound familiar; this blaming the victim? There is undeniably an epidemic of sexual assault in this country. Nearly 1 in 5 American women have reported being raped at some time in their lives, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But this? This quiet, cowardly unraveling that manages to rob women and girls of their sense of safety without any physical contact is frightening, too.

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NHL/COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Oilers forward Taylor Hall celebrates his penalty shot goal against the Lightning during the second period Monday.

Oilers get first win of season

The Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — The Edmonton Oilers are no longer the only team in the Western Conference without a win.

Taylor Hall scored a penalty-shot goal and added an assist, and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins netted the winner in the final minutes to lift Edmonton to a 3-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Monday night, giving the Oilers their first win of the season.

Justin Schultz also scored for the Oilers (1-4-1), who had matched the team's worst start.

Edmonton allowed the Lightning to tie the game with six minutes left, but remained composed and captured the win.

"I thought tonight we really battled hard," Nugent-Hopkins said. "They tied it late and we had a really good pushback, so it was really good to see."

"We all stayed pretty positive on the bench when they tied it. We know what we can do. We know that we could beat this team if we played our best. We stuck to it, and it worked out for us."

"Tonight was one game, another step in the right direction, but those winning habits don't come overnight," he said. "It takes a lot of repetition for them to be second nature, and we have a long way to go, but this was a good step."

Hall, Nugent-Hopkins and Jordan Eberle were often pitted against the Steven Stamkos line and were pleased to be able to hold one of the NHL's best forwards off the score sheet.

"Stamkos is a world class player," Hall said. "Guys like that, Nuge, myself and Ebs, we really take pride in going up against stars like that and trying to play well against them."

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	6	5	1	0	0	10	20	20
Ottawa	6	5	1	0	0	8	14	10
Tampa Bay	6	3	2	1	0	7	19	13
Detroit	6	4	1	1	0	7	11	8
Boston	7	3	3	1	0	6	15	17
Toronto	6	2	4	0	0	6	15	19
Florida	5	1	2	2	0	4	5	11
Buffalo	4	0	2	2	0	2	8	22

Metropolitan Division

N.Y. Islanders	5	4	1	0	0	8	20	15
Washington	5	3	3	0	0	6	18	18
Pittsburgh	5	3	2	0	0	6	16	10
Columbus	5	3	2	0	0	6	15	12
New Jersey	5	3	2	0	0	6	17	16
New York	5	3	2	0	0	6	17	16
Philadelphia	5	1	2	2	0	4	10	4
Carolina	4	0	2	2	0	2	10	15

Western Conference

Central Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	5	3	0	2	0	6	12	8
Chicago	5	3	0	2	0	6	12	8
Dallas	5	2	1	2	0	5	15	17
St. Louis	5	2	1	2	0	5	12	9
Minnesota	4	2	1	1	0	4	10	4
Colorado	6	1	4	1	0	2	8	20
Winnipeg	5	1	4	0	0	2	8	15

Pacific Division

Anaheim	10	21	13	13	13	55	107	107
Los Angeles	6	4	1	1	0	9	15	10
San Jose	6	4	1	1	0	9	16	10
Calgary	7	4	3	0	0	8	19	17
Vancouver	4	2	2	0	0	4	13	10
Arizona	4	2	2	0	0	4	13	10
Edmonton	6	4	1	1	0	9	14	27
Winnipeg	4	1	4	0	0	2	8	15

Notes: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Sunday's games
Los Angeles 2, Minnesota 1
N.Y. Rangers 4, San Jose 0
Calgary 3, Winnipeg 1
Anahem 3, St. Louis 0

Monday's games
Edmonton 3, Tampa Bay 2

Tuesday's games
San Jose at Boston
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders

Wednesday's games
Detroit at Montreal
Arizona at Nashville
Carolina at Winnipeg
Philadelphia at Chicago
Vancouver at Dallas

Florida at Colorado
Tampa Bay at Calgary

Thursday's games
Toronto at Ottawa
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh
Washington at Edmonton
Buffalo at Anaheim

Monday

Oilers 3, Lightning 2

Tampa Bay	0	1	1-2
Edmonton	0	2	1-3

Second Period—1. Tampa Bay, Boyle 1 (Morrow, Garrison), 1:21. 2. Edmonton, Torkki 1 (Yakupov, Hall), 4:30. 3. Tampa Bay, Morrow 1 (Morrow, Garrison), 14:57.

Third Period—4. Tampa Bay, Connolly 2 (Johnson), 1:55. 5. Edmonton, Nugent-Hopkins 1 (Eberle), 16:35.

Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 6-9-9-24. Edmonton 5-11-7-23.

Penalty opportunities—Tampa Bay 0 of 2; Edmonton 0 of 2.

Goalies—Tampa Bay, Bishop 3-1-1 (23 shots, 20 saves); Edmonton, Scrivens 1-3-0 (24-22).

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Buckeyes trying to focus on next game, not Spartans

BY RUSTY MILLER
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — There's always the danger of a powerhouse looking past a couple of struggling teams to the marquee game on its schedule.

But Urban Meyer says that won't be the case for No. 13 Ohio State at Penn State on Saturday.

"I think if you play a really bad team, that happens," Meyer said on Monday. "Going on the road in front of 110,000 people, knowing we didn't play great on Saturday, we expect to play great."

That doesn't mean such focus is easy. The players are surrounded by people who disregard Penn State and the game the following week at home against Illinois and are already talking about how No. 8 Michigan State is lurking on Nov. 8 in Spartan Stadium.

"It's always in the back of your mind," H-back and punt returner Jalyn Marshall said. "You know — Michigan State, Michigan State."

Most people who saw the Buckeyes dismantle a Rutgers team last week which had won three in a row and came in with a 5-1 record would say Ohio State is on a tear — despite Meyer saying it hasn't played great.

The Buckeyes (5-1, 2-0 Big Ten) have won four in a row by an average score of 56-17.

Didn't play great? J.T. Barrett completed his first nine passes, ran for two scores and threw for three plus the defense also chipped in with a TD in the win over Rutgers that perfectly matched the average score of



'Going on the road in front of 110,000 people, knowing we didn't play great on Saturday, we expect to play great.'

Urban Meyer
Ohio State coach

those last four games (56-17). (Coincidentally, Michigan State won by that exact same score at Indiana on Saturday.)

Meyer's measuring stick of how good his team is differs from that of most fans'. Meyer was downright thrilled that his coaching staff did not rate Barrett's as a winning performance after a video review, even though he ran for 107 yards on seven carries and completed 19 of 31 passes for 261 yards.

"That's tough coaching," Meyer said with an almost evil grin. "And I like that."

Barrett, not honored in his own meeting room, was the Big Ten's offensive player of the week.

Penn State (4-2, 1-2) hasn't been bad but it certainly isn't having a vintage year. The Nittany Lions opened with four wins but have since lost to Northwestern 29-6 at home and 18-13 at downward-trending Michigan two weeks ago.

The Lions, coming off a bye, have had the last week to chew on those defeats and think about

what a win over the Buckeyes might just do for them now that they are eligible to go to a bowl.

Meanwhile, Ohio State's players bump into fellow students, family members and friends who are already talking Michigan State, 24/7.

"You try not to look ahead as far as coming up before that," Marshall said. "But people talk about it and you have to kind of try to stay away from that."

Linebacker Joshua Perry believes that the Buckeyes will not look past anybody because of a mix of young players with a lot to prove and wizened veterans who know the pitfalls of getting ahead of yourself.

"I was talking to (defensive tackle) Mike Bennett earlier today and he was saying that he likes the guys we have because our guys know that we're good and we're confident," Perry said. "(But) we're not so cocky that we're going to overlook any body or want to skip ahead in any games."



Jay LaPrete/AP

Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett runs the ball against Rutgers on Saturday. Ohio State won easily, 56-17, and the Buckeyes have two more games against big underdogs before traveling to Michigan State.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Upsets hurt Big 12's playoff chances

With no unbeaten teams left, someone will have to win out

By LUKE MEREDITH
The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Big 12 has been as entertaining as any league in the country.

All that fun might come with a price.

Recent upsets like West Virginia beating Baylor and Kansas State surprising Oklahoma have made the conference impossible to ignore — at least during the regular season. They might also cost the Big 12 a spot in the inaugural College Football Playoff.

“There’s just not any one week where you can actually feel surprised by the outcome,” Baylor coach Art Briles said.

It’s a trend that’s done significant damage to the CFP hopes of the Big 12’s top contenders.

The Sooners, the preseason favorites, have two losses. Baylor already has a loss and a trip to Oklahoma on Nov. 8.

League-leading Kansas State has one loss — to No. 5 Auburn — and it’s now ranked 11th in the country. But the Wildcats (5-1, 10 TCU and No. 12 Baylor on the road. The Horned Frogs (5-1, 2-1) lost at Baylor in a wild shootout, but they have to survive a trip to West Virginia.

It appears as though parity is at its peak in the Big 12. That might not be a good thing in a four-team playoff era.

“Each week things get shaken up,” Kansas interim coach Clint Bowen said. “Every week it’s a battle.”

TCU hosts Texas Tech (3-4, 1-3) this weekend, followed by a crucial road game against the 22nd-ranked Mountaineers (5-2, 3-1). If they can get past West Virginia — and that’s a big if given

Scoreboard

Big 12 standings

Conference	W L PF PA				W L PF PA			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Kansas St.	3	0	108	71	5	1	235	135
Baylor	3	1	165	134	1	1	343	161
Oklahoma State	3	1	118	117	5	2	232	190
West Virginia	3	1	144	120	2	2	261	150
TCU	2	1	137	103	1	1	271	124
Oklahoma	2	2	139	127	2	2	273	160
Texas	2	2	104	104	3	4	156	172
Texas Tech	1	3	116	148	3	4	216	258
Iowa St.	0	4	121	156	5	1	192	247
Kansas	0	4	55	117	5	5	116	196

Saturday, Oct. 18

West Virginia 41, Baylor 27
Kansas St. 31, Oklahoma 30

Texas Tech 34, Kansas 21

TCU 42, Oklahoma St. 9

Iowa St. 46, Kansas 0

Saturday's games

Texas at Kansas St.

Texas Tech at TCU

West Virginia at Oklahoma St.



CHRIS JACKSON/AP

Baylor quarterback Bryce Petty, top, is upended by West Virginia's Daryl Worley during the first quarter of Saturday's game in Morgantown, W.Va. The Mountaineers handed the Bears their first loss, 41-27.

how well the Mountaineers have been playing — they should be favored in each of their final four games.

There are just three unbeaten power conference teams left, and Ole Miss and Mississippi State still have to play each other. So a one-loss TCU team would likely get a look from the CFP selection committee.

Coach Gary Patterson knows better than to look ahead.

“In this league, you just need to hold onto your hat,” he said. “For us, if there’s anything we’ve learned in the last few weeks is you’ve got to keep your nose down and understand that everyone can play.”

After playing Oklahoma, Baylor (6-1, 3-1) finishes the season by hosting Kansas State and then Oklahoma State on Nov. 22. For now, the Bears will host struggling Kansas (2-5, 0-4) on Saturday. Oklahoma has the week off before playing at Iowa State (2-5, 0-4).



SUE OROCKI/AP

Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder says making the first college football playoff is the last thing on coaches' minds.

“Every team is good. If you make a mistake or two, you’re going to be on the wrong end of it. Everybody’s got talented players. But the league’s full of good coaches. It’s a challenge every week,” Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said.

Kansas State’s home loss to Auburn, now ranked fifth, looks better with each passing week. But the Wildcats might still need to finish the second half of the season undefeated to earn CFP consideration, and their schedule is loaded.

Kansas State finishes the year with trips to TCU, West Virginia and Baylor sandwiched around a

rivalry game with Kansas. The Wildcats (6-1, 3-0) host hard-to-figure Texas (3-4, 2-2) on Saturday.

A loss to the Longhorns could doom K-State’s playoff hopes. But coach Bill Snyder is more concerned with beating Texas than worrying about the possible ramifications of a loss.

“I have absolutely no idea. All we hear about is the final four, so to speak, and that’s the last thing, I think, on most coaches’ minds. I think everybody is trying to fight week by week,” Snyder said when asked if a two-loss Big 12 team might still make the playoffs. “I don’t think about it.”

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American Conference

	East			
	W	L	T	Pct
New England	5	2	0	.714
Buffalo	4	3	0	.571
Miami	3	4	0	.429
N.Y. Jets	1	6	0	.143

	South			
	W	L	T	Pct
Indianapolis	5	2	0	.714
Houston	3	4	0	.429
Tennessee	2	5	0	.286
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143

	North			
	W	L	T	Pct
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714
Cincinnati	3	2	1	.583
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571
Cleveland	3	3	0	.500

	West			
	W	L	T	Pct
Denver	5	1	0	.833
San Diego	3	3	0	.500
Kansas City	3	3	0	.500
Oakland	0	6	0	.000

National Conference

	East			
	W	L	T	Pct
Dallas	6	0	0	.857
Philadelphia	5	1	0	.833
N.Y. Giants	4	0	0	.829
Washington	2	5	0	.286

	South			
	W	L	T	Pct
Carolina	3	3	1	.500
New Orleans	2	4	0	.333
Atlanta	2	5	0	.286
Tampa Bay	1	5	0	.167

	North			
	W	L	T	Pct
Detroit	5	2	0	.714
Green Bay	3	2	0	.643
Chicago	3	3	0	.500
Minnesota	2	4	0	.333

	West			
	W	L	T	Pct
Arizona	5	1	0	.833
San Francisco	4	2	0	.667
Seattle	3	3	0	.500
St. Louis	2	4	0	.333

Thursday's game

New England 27, N.Y. Jets 25

Sunday's games

St. Louis 28, Seattle 26
 Miami 27, Chicago 14
 Green Bay 28, Carolina 17
 Pittsburgh 19, Tennessee 17
 Jacksonville 24, Cleveland 6
 Indianapolis 27, Cincinnati 9
 Buffalo 17, Minnesota 16
 Detroit 24, New Orleans 23
 Kansas City 23, San Diego 20
 Arizona 24, Oakland 17
 Dallas 31, N.Y. Giants 21
 Denver 42, San Francisco 17
 Atlanta 29, Tampa Bay 17

Monday's game

Pittsburgh 19, Tampa Bay 17

Thursday, Oct. 23

San Diego 19, Denver 17

Sunday, Oct. 26

Detroit vs. Atlanta at London
 St. Louis at Kansas City
 Houston at Tennessee
 Minnesota at Tampa Bay
 Seattle at Carolina
 Cincinnati at Cincinnati
 Miami at Jacksonville
 Chicago at New England
 Buffalo at N.Y. Jets
 Philadelphia at Arizona
 Oakland at Cleveland
 Indianapolis at Pittsburgh
 Green Bay at New Orleans
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Monday, Oct. 27

Washington at Dallas

Monday

Steelers 30, Houston 23

Houston 7 6 0 10-23

Pittsburgh 0 24 0 6-30

First Quarter

Hou—Blue 11 pass from Fitzpatrick (Bullock kick), 5:53

Second Quarter

Hou—FG Bullock 39, 13:24

Hou—FG Bullock 38, 17:16

Pit—FG Sulsham 44, 3:08

Pit—FG Sulsham 44, 10:24

Pit—Bell 3 pass from A.Brown (Susham kick), 1:27

Pit—Bell 3 pass from A.Brown (Susham kick), 1:03

Pit—Bell 2 pass from Roethlisberger (Susham kick), 1:14

Fourth Quarter

Hou—FG Sulsham 30, 5:50

Pit—FG Sulsham 43, 9:24

Hou—Foster 1 pass from Fitzpatrick (Bullock kick), 1:31

Hou—56, 3:30, 1:31

Individual Statistics

Rushing—Houston, Foster 20-102, Fitzpatrick 5-16, Blue 5-14, Pittsburgh, Bell 2-10, Bryant 2-7, Roethlisberger 4-3

Receiving—Houston, Fitzpatrick 21-32, 1-262, Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 23-33, 1-200, 1-9

Returning—Houston, Hopkins 6-108, A. Johnson 5-77, Foster 4-13, Graham 2-24, D. Johnson 1-5, Blue 1-11, Fredorowicz 2-1, 9, Martin 1-5, Pittsburgh, A. Brown 9-90, Bell 8-8, Bryant 2-1, Roethlisberger 2-16, Heyward-Bey 1-17, Miller 1-13, Blount 1-8

Missed field goals—None

Steelers' surge stuns Texans

Pittsburgh scores three TDs in final 1:27 of first half, holds on for win

By WILL GRAVES
 The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The deluge started with a desperation third-down heave, a trickle that turned into a downpour and led to another abrupt turn in the Pittsburgh Steelers' confounding season.

Good one week and lousy the next, Pittsburgh managed to be both in a 30-23 victory over the mistake-prone Houston Texans on Monday night.

Ben Roethlisberger passed for two touchdowns and wide receiver Antonio Brown added one on a gadget play during a decisive 73-second stretch late in the first half that moved the Steelers from down 10 to an 11-point lead.

"You stand on the sidelines long enough, you will see explosions such as that," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "It was good to be on the good side of it."

Roethlisberger finished with 265 yards passing. Le'Veon Bell racked up 145 yards of total offense, including a 43-yard catch-and-run with less than 2 minutes to go in the first half that became the spark the Steelers desperately needed.

"That provided the type of emotion the group needed," Tomlin said. "Then you get a feel of that. The guys really capitalized on it."

Arian Foster ran for 102 yards for Houston (3-4), but just 29 over the final three quarters. Ryan Fitzpatrick was 21 of 32 for 262 yards with two touchdowns and an interception, but the Texans were undone by three turnovers, including consecutive offensive snaps that handed the momentum over to the Steelers.

"We had a terrible second quarter," Houston coach Bill O'Brien said. "We couldn't come back from it. Just too many turnovers. We just had a hard time overcoming all those things."

Texans defensive end J.J. Watt recovered a fumble and picked up his third sack of the season but was neutralized for most of the second half.

Pittsburgh was listless for the first 25 minutes, letting Foster and Fitzpatrick do whatever they wanted as the Texans raced to a 13-0 lead that seemed larger.

A 44-yard Shaun Suisham field goal with 3:08 left in the half gave the Steelers a four-point boost.

A strike from Roethlisberger to Bell provided a much larger one shortly after the 2-minute warning. Roethlisberger hit the versatile back for a 43-yard gain — Pittsburgh's longest pass play of the season — to move the ball to the Houston 55.

The Steelers' then found Martavis Bryant, who struggled staying healthy in the preseason and spent the first six weeks on the inactive list, with a beautiful rainbow that the rookie caught in the back of the end zone to make it 13-10 with 1:27 left.

"Everybody started clicking,"



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Steelers wide receiver Martavis Bryant makes a touchdown catch after beating the Texans' Andre Hal on Monday. Bryant's was the first of three Pittsburgh TDs in the final 1:27 of the first half.

Bryant said. "Everybody woke up. It was good to make the play to have the team wake up, get the momentum going."

The Steelers were just getting started.

Foster fumbled deep in Houston territory two plays after Bryant's score and the Steelers recovered. Pittsburgh offensive coordinator Todd Haley, who has faced heavy criticism for his play-calling, went deep into his book to help the Steelers take the lead.

On first-and-goal, Roethlisberger flipped the ball to Brown, who was coming in motion. The Pro Bowl wide receiver then spun back around to his left and fired a strike to Lance Moore in the end zone.

"We worked on it like two times in practice," Brown said. "The first time was a little funny, but the second time it panned out."

Houston's issues escalated on the next snap when Fitzpatrick's throw over the middle was deflected into the arms of Pittsburgh defensive end Brett Keisel. The 36-year-old took the second pick of his career to the Houston 8.

Roethlisberger found Brown for a 6-yard gain and then hit Bell — who was uncovered after going in motion — for a touchdown.

The turnaround left Heinz Field euphoric and the Texans and Watt stunned.

The Steelers methodically added on in the second half, extending the lead to 14 points on a pair of Suisham field goals before a late scoring pass from Fitzpatrick to Foster provided the final margin.

ning back Alfred Blue for a 11-yard touchdown pass to end a 10-play, 94-yard drive on the Texans' opening possession before Watt went to work.

The MVP candidate recovered

a Roethlisberger fumble, leading to a 39-yard field goal by Randy Bullock that gave Houston a 10-0 lead. Watt later dropped Roethlisberger for his third sack of the year.

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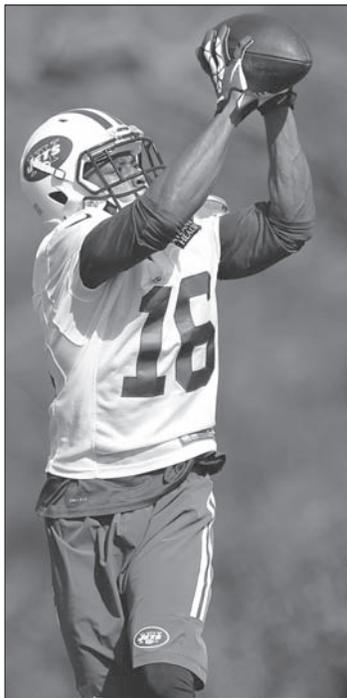
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Harvin 'shocked' but moving forward

Jets see game-breaking player as 'a potential coup' despite admitted checkered past



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New York Jets wide receiver Percy Harvin makes a catch during his first practice with the New York Jets in Florham Park, N.J., on Monday. Seattle traded Harvin last week, catching many Seahawks off guard.

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
The Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Percy Harvin has been called lots of things during his NFL career.

Talented but injury prone. Explosive on the field and combustible off. A playmaker but a troublemaker.

The New York Jets' newest wide receiver doesn't deny he has had some issues. But he also wants to be judged from what he does starting now, not just his checkered past.

"I'm definitely not a perfect person," Harvin said after his first practice with his new team Monday. "I have a lot of things that I wish I could have done a little differently. But I'm moving forward. I'm learning from those lessons."

"I'm happy to be here right now and looking to make the most out of it," he said.

The Jets and Seattle Seahawks completed a deal Saturday in which New York sent a conditional draft pick to Seattle for Harvin. Jets general manager John Idzik thought the potential payoff in acquiring a player with Harvin's type of versatility and game-breaking skills outweighed the risks involved.

"I look at it," Idzik said, "as this could be a potential coup for the New York Jets."

Harvin was "shocked" by the trade and it came as a surprise to most in NFL circles. After all, the Seahawks parted ways with a player who helped them win a Super Bowl last season.

But at 26, Harvin has been traded twice already now, including by Minnesota, the team that took him in the first round of the 2009 NFL Draft. The Jets were extremely interested in Harvin during that draft process before trading up to take quarterback Mark Sanchez.

Harvin has played in 60 games with only 47 career starts. He was traded to the Seahawks in 2013 for a 2013 first-round and seventh-round draft choice and a 2014 third-rounder, but appeared in just one regular-season

game in 2013 because of hip surgery. But Harvin ran back a second-half kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown in Seattle's 43-8 rout of Denver in the Super Bowl.

Harvin is also a player who is injury prone and has had some questions about his character and interactions. Harvin acknowledged that he had "incidents" in the locker room with former Seahawks teammates Golden Tate and Doug Baldwin, but declined to give details.

"The way I go about my business is by keeping everything in-house, but for whatever reason, they decided to un-leash things," Harvin said.

"Some things did happen. That's in the past. We've moved forward and I've talked to Golden and Doug. We've all moved forward from it. I'm here now and I'm moving on."

Percy Harvin
Jets WR

Jets right tackle Breno Giacomini, Harvin's teammate in Seattle last season, said the incidents are being "blown up for no reason" and "wasn't like it was this big, huge boxing match."

"Almost everybody in this locker room has been in a fight before," Giacomini said. "We play football, you know what I'm saying? Oh, it happened twice? Who cares? He's a good competitor. That's what it is. I know it was squashed right away with Golden because I was there, and I heard the same thing about Doug. I think it's being blown up."

Harvin said he was "frustrated" about the way the Seahawks were using him in the offense.

"Not that I didn't like what I was doing, I just wanted to do a little bit more," he said. "As a receiver, I wanted to just get downfield just a little bit more than what was going on."

Harvin did not approach his coaches about his unhappiness, but also didn't request a trade — and insisted he harbors no ill will toward the Seahawks.

"They brought me a Super Bowl," he said.

Idzik said he had thorough discussions with Seahawks general manager John Schneider, a close friend whom Idzik has known before from their days working together in Seattle, and was comfortable that Harvin wouldn't become a disruptive force in the Jets' locker room.

So was coach Rex Ryan, who didn't even want to discuss Harvin's past issues.

"I don't think I need to," Ryan said. "To me, things happen and every single guy you had something, but to me, it's just all about right now and moving forward."

Idzik said he had "substantive talks" with Seattle last week before the Jets' game at New England last Thursday night, but the discussions "crystallized" after the team's 27-25 loss — its sixth straight.

"It became evident that this was a real possibility," Idzik said, "and eventually we pulled the trigger." Idzik insisted the move was to help the 1-6 Jets improve — not a result of public pressure or criticism. The GM has been highly criticized for not providing the offense enough playmakers in the offseason.

"I think it brings an explosive talent to our team," coach Rex Ryan said. "It should be fun to watch."

Ryan said Harvin will serve as the team's kick returner on Sunday against Buffalo, and his involvement in the offense would be based on how quickly he picks up Marty Mornhinweg's system.

"It's definitely a place I want to be for a long time," Harvin said. "I'm here, I'm glad I'm here and I'm going to make the most of the opportunity."

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Broncos linebacker Von Miller, right, pressures Cardinals quarterback Drew Stanton on Oct. 5 in Denver. Miller has eight sacks so far this season. Combined with DeMarcus Ware's seven, the duo is on pace to break the record of 39 set by the Vikings' Chris Doleman and Keith Millard in 1989.

Pass-rush partners

Broncos' Miller, Ware keeping sack record in sight

By ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — When DeMarcus Ware teamed up with Von Miller in Denver, the two of them fantasized about what kind of tandem they'd be if they could both stay healthy.

Neither man wanted to mention how many sacks they could collect individually. But Ware suggested that between the two, "we want to have as many sacks as one team."

The pass-rush partners are exceeding those lofty expectations — their 15 combined sacks through six games are better than almost half the league.

Fourteen teams have fewer sacks and three more have the same amount that Miller (eight) and Ware (seven) have gathered.

That puts the duo on pace for 40, which would break by one sack the mark set by Chris Doleman and Keith Millard of the Minnesota Vikings in 1989.

"I did envision that," Ware said Monday of the duo's fast start.

Playing terrific supporting roles to Peyton Manning, the new record-holder for most career touchdown passes, Ware dumped San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick three times and Miller got him twice in the Broncos' 42-17 statement win Sunday night.

"You just get in a groove and sacks come in bunches," said Miller, who has collected sacks in five straight games. "I'm just trying to do my job. If I can get my job done, it makes everybody else's job that much easier."

Especially Ware's.

"Teams are actually leaving us 1-on-1, me and Von," Ware said. "They're doing more full slides. What I mean by full slide is the guard, center and tackle will slide, they will slide one guy away but we'll still figure out how to get a 'two-way go' on the side and then maybe Von will have a 'two-way go' on the other side and those guys in the middle, we're able to still get the pocket presence in the middle and able to rush on the outside."

"It's still two 1-on-1s," Ware said. "... As long as you can't chip both of us, as long as one of us is being effective, that's what it's about."

The only thing that broke the duo's concentration Sunday night was looking up from their snapshots on the sideline to watch Manning make history by breaking Brett Favre's career touchdown record.

Miller compared seeing all the camera phones being held up to being at a concert.

They went right back to work after Manning's milestone TD.

Miller's best move was an inside spin on right tackle Anthony Davis on his second sack.

The signature spin of the night, though, belonged to Ware, who juked Joe Staley with a sham spin move that sent the Pro Bowl left tackle sliding over to his right only to watch Ware halt his spin and get a free shot on the quarterback.

"I think he faked out himself," Ware said. "Sometimes you get a little feel. And I was thinking I

hadn't done a spin move the whole game, so I'm going to try it and once I spun, he wasn't there."

Ware and Miller have already surpassed their disappointing sack totals from 2013.

The franchise sacks leader in Dallas, Ware was released by the Cowboys last winter in a salary cap move after getting to the quarterback a career-long six times and missing games the first time in his nine-year career with a thigh injury.

He underwent surgery on his right elbow in February, then signed a three-year, \$30 million deal with the Broncos, who lost Elvis Dumervil to Baltimore in the infamous fax fiasco and watched Miller founder minus his mentor.

Miller and Dumervil teamed up for a Broncos tandem-record 29½ sacks in 2012, including a franchise-high 18½ by Miller, who slipped to just five in 2013, when his season began with a six-game drug suspension and ended with a torn right ACL in December.

Miller underwent surgery in January and watched the Super Bowl from the sideline.

The arrival of Ware, whom he patterned his game after while growing up in Dallas, inspired Miller, and his long, arduous hours of rehab led to some reflection and what the front office trusts is more maturity.

He's returned to being a wrecking ball on Denver's defense and this time, he's got company. If Miller and Ware can keep this up, it might very well be Manning celebrating their record next time.

October: Packers expect challenge in New Orleans

FROM BACK PAGE

Since Rodgers took over as the starting quarterback in 2008 the Packers are 21-5 in October games and have won 16 of their last 17 October games. While he has played at an elite level for the last several years, he hasn't been this efficient since his NFL MVP season of 2011 when he threw 20 touchdown passes and two interceptions in the first seven games. The Packers started that season 13-0 and finished 15-1.

That team scored a franchise-record 560 points, the third-most in NFL history behind the 2013 Denver Broncos (606) and 2007 New England Patriots (589).

Asked if this offense could be as good as the one in the 2011 season Sitton said, "We were really, really good in 2011. I mean, we could do pretty much anything. We were putting up (almost) 40 points a game. So it's tough to match that. I feel like we couldn't do anything wrong that year. [But] we're playing good right now. I think it'll be a test over the next few weeks to see where we're at."

The first test of the month could be in their final October game at New Orleans on Sunday. Although the Saints (2-4) lost at Detroit Sunday, the Packers know they'll face a challenge at the Mercedes-Benz Louisiana Superdome. All four of the Saints' losses have been on the road (including three by three points or fewer) while they are 2-0 at home this year.

"They've had some tough, tough losses. The one in Detroit yesterday was a tough loss that they were leading pretty much most of the game," said McCarthy, who was the Saints' offensive

"I think you've seen improvement over the last four weeks of our defense."

Mike McCarthy
Packers coach

coordinator from 2000 through 2004. "I would like to think our whole team clearly understands we're getting ready to go into a hotbox down there in New Orleans. I mean, this is going to be a big-time environment, big-time game. These are the kind of games you love to play in. Everybody wants to go get this one and get to 6-2, especially after where we were four weeks ago."

The area of biggest improvement in those last four weeks has been the defense, which expects to be challenged by the Saints' normally high-powered offense. The defense has forced nine turnovers during the winning streak. Against Carolina on Sunday, the unit proved it can also stop opponents without getting takeaways. The Panthers punted seven times, including on their first five possessions. Carolina's first three possessions went three-and-out.

"I think you've seen improvement over the last four weeks of our defense. I've seen signs, very encouraging signs," defensive coordinator Dom Capers said. "I think we continue to improve in some areas, I think there's more room for improvement. We need to keep pushing forward and try to find a way to play consistently for four quarters."



MIKE ROEMER/AP

The Packers' Davante Adams celebrates his touchdown catch with fans during the second half Sunday against the Panthers in Green Bay, Wis. The Packers won 38-17. Green Bay has won its three games in October after a lumpy start to the season, but faces a difficult test this weekend at New Orleans.

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Oscar Pistorius stands for sentencing in court in Pretoria, South Africa, on Tuesday. Pistorius received a five-year prison sentence for culpable homicide for killing girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp.

Pistorius gets five years

Olympian sentenced to jail for girlfriend's shooting death

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA AND GERALD IMRAY
The Associated Press

PRETORIA, South Africa — Oscar Pistorius was taken away in a police van with barred windows Tuesday to start serving a five-year prison sentence for killing girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp.

Delivering her sentence, Judge Thokozile Masipa cited the "gross negligence" the double-amputee Olympic runner showed when he shot Steenkamp multiple times through a bathroom door in his home.

Pistorius, who cried and vomited during his murder trial, was unemotional as he stood to hear his sentence. His prison term began immediately and he was led by police down a flight of stairs to holding cells before leaving the courthouse in the armored vehicle.

The world-famous runner later arrived at the nearby Kgosi Mampuru II prison in the South African capital, a facility that has had problems with violence and overcrowding and where during the years of apartheid death row inmates were executed before capital punishment was outlawed with

the advent of democracy. Despite the prison's reported problems, authorities have said Pistorius would be held away from the general prison population because of his disability and high profile — possibly in a hospital wing or a high-security section.

Pistorius could be released after 10 months to serve the remainder under house arrest, according to legal experts. Masipa last month convicted Pistorius of culpable homicide, or negligent killing, but acquitted him of murder after he testified he mistook Steenkamp for a nighttime intruder.

Steenkamp's parents were in court to hear the sentence and the dead model's mother, June, said justice had been done. A close friend of Steenkamp, Gina Myers, said: "I really don't think any of us will heal anytime soon ... there will always be questions."

Pistorius' uncle, Arnold Pistorius, appealed to reporters to give the family privacy after what he called "20 months of relentless public trial." He criticized prosecutors for pursuing a premeditated murder charge against Pistorius, and said "He decided to inflict as much collateral damage as they could." He

said Pistorius' family accepted the sentence.

"Oscar will embrace this opportunity to pay back to society," Arnold Pistorius said.

Judge Masipa described the sentencing as a balancing act between retribution and clemency.

"I am of the view that a non-custodial sentence would send a wrong message to the community," Masipa said, taking just over an hour to summarize parts of the case and explain why she reached her decision. "On the other hand, a long sentence would not be appropriate either as it would lack the element of mercy."

Prosecutors said they are considering whether to appeal the sentence, where Pistorius, 27, could serve less than a year in jail for killing his 29-year-old girlfriend. They have 14 days to apply for permission to appeal.

The sentence raised questions over if Pistorius, a multiple Paralympic champion, would ever return to the career that made him famous. The International Paralympic Committee said he would not be eligible to run during his five-year sentence, ruling him out of the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Paralympics.

Briefly

Wozniacki outlasts Sharapova in WTA Finals

From wire reports

SINGAPORE — Caroline Wozniacki credited her training for next month's New York Marathon as a key factor in her victory over Maria Sharapova in a grueling three-set match in the WTA Finals on Tuesday.

Wozniacki won 7-6 (4), 6-7 (5), 6-2 to beat Sharapova for the second-straight time, having also won in the fourth round of the U.S. Open. Wozniacki's result in the round-robin match dealt a major blow to Sharapova's hopes of claiming the year-end No. 1 ranking.

Wozniacki, who has always been regarded as one of the fittest players on tour, said her additional running work in preparation for the marathon had taken her stamina to a new level and also given her added belief in Tuesday's 3 hour, 15-minute match.

"I just feel like right now with all the training and running I've been doing I can keep being out there and keep running," Wozniacki said. "I kept thinking to myself out there in the third set, 'If you're going to get tired now, how are you going to get through this marathon? You better keep going.'"

As much as she believed the training had helped her aerobic fitness, she said the marathon will be a one-time-only affair and not one that she would recommend to other players.

"To do it year in and year out, I don't think it's possible," Wozniacki said. "Our bodies get a beating already. I don't think it's necessary to do this again while I'm on tour."

Alleged PED supplier arrested

MIAMI — U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents on Tuesday arrested a South Florida man suspected of manufacturing and supplying banned performance-enhancing drugs to clinics that distributed them to Major League Baseball players and other athletes.

A DEA criminal complaint unsealed Tuesday charges Paulo Berezuk with conspiracy to distribute testosterone. Berezuk was scheduled to make an initial court appearance later Tuesday. It wasn't immediately clear if he had a lawyer.

A DEA affidavit describes Berezuk as a "black market source" for testosterone to clinics whose customers included MLB players. The affidavit says Berezuk is a chemist who made the substances in his garage and was the initial main supplier to Anthony Bosch, former owner of the now-shuttered Biogenesis of America clinic in Coral Gables.

The arrest is the latest in the recent MLB drug scandal that resulted in 14 player suspensions, including the record season-long suspension of New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez. Felony drug charges have been brought against a half-dozen people connected with the clinics, including Bosch and a cousin of Rodriguez's, Yuri Sucasht. No players have been charged.

Bosch pleaded guilty last week to drug charges and is cooperating with investigators in hopes of getting a lenient prison sentence. In the DEA affidavit, he is identified as "CS1," short for "confidential source 1," and told DEA agents that Berezuk was his

first source of testosterone beginning in 2007.

Molitor, Twins meet again

Paul Molitor on Tuesday was to meet again with Twins General Manager Terry Ryan about the team's managerial opening, according to a person with knowledge of the Twins' search.

It will mark the third time that a Twins Molitor meeting has been known to have taken place since the club fired Ron Gardenhire on Sept. 29. Ryan and Molitor spoke that day, then met again two days later.

It's not clear if Molitor will be offered the job Tuesday, or if the Twins have narrowed their search that far. But the fact that Molitor — a Hall of Fame player from St. Paul, Minn. who has worked for the Twins since 2005, including as a coach this past season — is getting multiple interviews reflects that he's a serious contender to be Gardenhire's successor.

Ryan, when reached Monday, would not confirm his meeting with Molitor. But he said the search is ongoing.

Orakpo out for season

ASHBURN, Va. — Washington Redskins linebacker Brian Orakpo will miss the rest of the season because he needs surgery on a torn right pectoral muscle.

Orakpo, a three-time Pro Bowl selection, was hurt trying to make a tackle on a running play early in the fourth quarter of Washington's 19-17 victory over the Ten-



MARK BAKER/AP

Caroline Wozniacki celebrates after defeating Maria Sharapova in the WTA finals Tuesday in Singapore.

nessee Titans on Sunday.

Orakpo twice has torn the pectoral muscle near his left shoulder in the past, including in Week 2 of the 2012 season.

He had a half-sack for the Redskins (2-5) this season.

Now the question becomes whether Orakpo, a first-round draft pick by the Redskins in 2009, has played his last game for the team.

He was playing under a one-year deal worth about \$11.5 million after the Redskins designated him as their franchise player in October.

Other NFL news

■ San Francisco 49ers center Daniel Kilgore is scheduled to undergo season-ending surgery Tuesday on a fractured left ankle sustained in the third quarter of Sunday night's loss at Denver.

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Can Giants' Posey go 3-for-3?

Catcher aims for third ring in three trips

By RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo.

Buster Posey seemed almost embarrassed. With an NL Rookie of the Year award and MVP plaque, with two World Series rings at age 27, and the possibility of earning a third in the next 10 days, the San Francisco Giants catcher is among the candidates to become baseball's most popular star following the retirement of Derek Jeter.

"It's obviously flattering to get those comparisons," he said Monday, a day ahead of the World Series opener against Kansas City. "Derek Jeter is one of a kind. I think for me right now, my focus is on trying to win, trying to win four more games this season."

He is so boyish looking that when he shaves, he could be mistaken for a high-school student. Giants pitchers maintain he's been a key component to their success.

"He's always been an old young guy, even when he first got here," injured ace Matt Cain said. "He's a guy that's always been wise beyond his years. Definitely doesn't act his age."

Posey has accomplished so much in such a short time — this is just his fourth full season in the major leagues.

After winning the rookie award in 2010 while helping the Giants to their first Series title since 1954, the next season the Marlins' Scott Cousins ran into him at the plate in late May.

Posey fractured a bone in his lower left leg and tore three ankle ligaments. Such was the concern about those kind of collisions that a new rule took effect this year designed to limit runner-catcher contact.

Posey's outlook on baseball changed in a way he

couldn't have anticipated, giving an appreciation for each day he spends as a big leaguer.

"I think the further I get away from the injury, it's harder to keep that in perspective," he said. "I think that it's something that I'm going to continually try to do throughout my career because, you know, just like that" — and then he snaps his fingers — "one play and your season could be over, potentially even worse. So you try to enjoy every minute you have out there."

Posey came back with a historic season, hitting .336 with 24 homers and 103 RBIs to become the first catcher to win the NL batting title since the Boston Braves' Ernie Lombardi in 1942. And then the Giants swept Detroit for their second title in three seasons.

"He's one of the best hitters in the game, so he understands what hitters are trying to do at the plate," Giants pitcher Tim Lincecum said. "He understands what their approaches may be at times throughout at-bats. He understands when guys take swings and they look a certain way on certain pitches, what we probably should do this time after that."

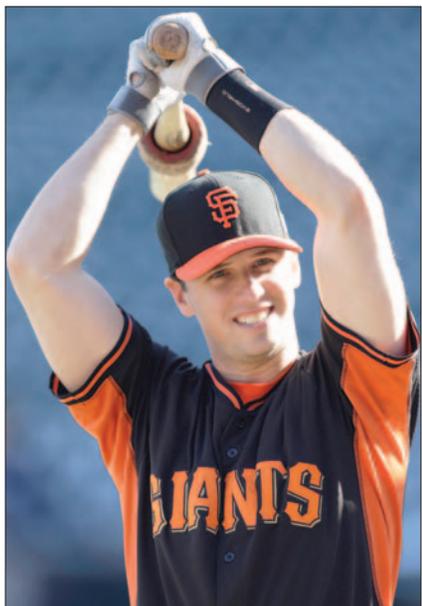
Posey batted .311 with 22 homers and 89 RBIs this season in a year when offense faded to its lowest level in four decades in some categories. What he does at the plate sometimes overshadows his prowess in other phases of the game.

"If you look at a team that's had success, I think you should look behind the plate, because those guys play such a critical role in your success," said Giants manager Bruce Bochy, a former big league catcher.

"Buster's got a great way about him. Pitchers love throwing to him," he said. "When he came up, we had some things to tweak with him to make him a better player, and he gets it. He's made himself into, I think, an all-around elite player. Not just a hitter, but a catcher."

'He's a guy that's always been wise beyond his years. Definitely doesn't act his age.'

Matt Cain
Giants pitcher



Ben Margot/AP

San Francisco catcher Buster Posey won his first World Series ring as a rookie in 2010 and was also named NL Rookie of the Year.

Korean 'superfan' of Royals of Royals headed back to KC

By KIM TONG-HYUNG
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A die-hard, long-time Kansas City Royals fan from Seoul who became an international celebrity after he was superstitiously credited with sparking the team's playoff run left Tuesday for Missouri to watch the Royals appear in their first World Series since 1985.

After learning of his passion for their team, a group of American fans helped Sung Woo Lee arrange a visit to Kansas City in August so he could watch a Royals game in person for the first time. By the time Lee returned to Seoul, the Royals, perennial also-rans, had won nine out of 10 games and were in first place in their division, and Lee had gained widespread fame among sports fans in the United States and in South Korea.

The 38-year-old duty free shop employee is reluctant to make World Series predictions because of worries about jinxing the team. But he also said he can't help imagining a celebration with Royals players in a champagne-soaked locker room.



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Longtime Royals fan Sung Woo Lee of South Korea throws the ceremonial first pitch before a game against Oakland on Aug. 11 in Kansas City, Mo. Lee, a die-hard Royals fan from Seoul, left Tuesday for Missouri to watch the Royals play in the World Series.

Despite being considered a good-luck charm by the club and its fan base, Lee said in a telephone interview Monday night he doesn't feel any pressure.

"I just want to root for the team with fellow Royals fans as hard as I can," he said. "I will try to enjoy every moment."

Lee belongs to a generation of South Korean sports fans in their 30s and 40s who developed an attachment to American professional sports by watching a local TV network for U.S. servicemen stationed in South Korea to guard the heavily armed border with North Korea.

Free from the obligations of supporting the "local" team, South Korean fans often developed interests in major league teams for quirky reasons. Some of them, for instance, began cheering for the New York Yankees because they thought the team had the best uniforms. Others supported the Atlanta Braves because of Fred McGriff's exaggerated throw motion.

Lee, who has more than 21,800 followers on Twitter, said he began supporting the Royals be-

cause he fell in love with Kauffman Stadium when he saw it in the early '90s in a short highlight package shown on what was then known as the American Forces Korea Network.

"The Royals won, and they did the fireworks show afterward with the fountain and the crown logo on the stadium in the background," Lee said. "It was amazing and beautiful."

An official from Lee's employer, Shinsegae Duty Free, thought that Lee's international celebrity was both surprising and amusing. As soon as the Royals reached the World Series, the company found itself receiving huge attention about whether it would allow Lee to attend. Lee joined Shinsegae just a month ago in a busy time when the company is preparing a bid for a new shop at the Incheon International Airport.

"We have arranged his vacation days so that he could stay in the U.S. throughout the run of the World Series," company official Lee Jeong-wook said. He added, with a laugh: "If the Royals win in four, his vacation will be cut short."

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San Francisco reliever Jeremy Affeldt is one of four Giants relievers who have been with the team throughout the Giants' run to three World Series appearances in five years.

'Core Four' have powered Giants' recent dominance

By JOSH DUBOW
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Giants have their own version of the Core Four that has fueled their recent October dominance.

While players with catchy nicknames like the Panda, the Freak and MadBum, and shiny trophies like former NL Rookie of the Year and MVP Buster Posey get most of the accolades, a quartet of relievers has played almost as big a role in putting the Giants in position to win a third World Series title in five years.

Santiago Casilla, Jeremy Affeldt, Javier Lopez and Sergio Romo are among the seven players who have played in all three postseason runs for San Francisco since 2010, providing stability to a role that can be so hard for some teams to fill come October.

"One thing that we have that's kind of nice is we have that continuity," Lopez said. "We've been around each other for, this is now our fifth year together for most of us especially in that back end of the pen. That part's kind of nice. We know what we can do, and we complement each other."

With a win in the World Series starting Tuesday night in Kansas City, the Giants will join the New York Yankees teams led by Mariano Rivera, Derek Jeter, Bernie Williams and Jorge Posada as the only teams in the past 40 years to win it all at least three times in five seasons.

Like those great Yankees teams that won four titles from 1996-2000, the Giants have relied on stellar relief pitching.

"It's nice to have these four

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xGame 7: at Kansas City, 1 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, CET; 8 a.m. JKT.

guys with their experience and calmness they bring to the bullpen," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said.

The four have combined for a 6-1 record with eight saves and a 1.31 ERA over 87 postseason appearances since 2010. Affeldt has gone 18 straight appearances without a run, Casilla 17 and Lopez 15.

With 68½ innings, they have accounted for nearly one-fifth of San Francisco's postseason innings since 2010, and more than the more heralded starters.

"Every time I've been in the playoffs, it seems like bullpens are used to their maximum," Affeldt said. "Guys have come in in different situations and thrown strikes and come in for guys when maybe we have to come in mid-inning, guys on base, stuff like that. We've done a pretty good job."

Royals rely on bullpen

3-headed relief monster the key to KC's success

By DAVE SKRETTA
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Buck Showalter knew he was in trouble when the seventh inning rolled around and his Orioles were trailing the Kansas City Royals in Game 4 of the AL Championship Series.

Three innings later, Baltimore's season was over.

In each game of the series, the three-headed monster of Kelvin Herrera, Wade Davis and All-Star closer Greg Holland had slammed the door on the Orioles. They did it again in the clincher, a 2-1 victory that propelled Kansas City into the World Series after a 29-year absence.

Game 1 is Tuesday night against the San Francisco Giants.

"That's one of the biggest reasons they're playing here," Showalter said of the "Big Three."

The Royals had one of the stingiest bullpens in baseball this season, but the back end was especially dominant. Herrera, who usually handles the seventh inning, had a 1.41 ERA in 70 games. Davis, the eighth-inning guy, had a 1.00 ERA in 71 appearances. And Holland had a 1.44 ERA while saving 46 games, one shy of his franchise record set just last season.

"At the end of the game," Royals starter Jason Vargas said, "we like our chances."

All three relievers have four-seam fastballs that approach 100 mph, and all three have a devastating secondary pitch. Herrera has a lightning-quick two-seamer; Davis's new cutter has been dynamic, and Holland's vicious slider leaves hitters waving at air.

But that's where the similarities end. The three of them took very different

paths to reach this point. Key cogs in a perfectly tuned strikeout machine.

Herrera exploded onto the scene two years ago, a fireballer who never seemed to quite know where his fire balls were headed. What little command he had finally failed him last season, and he was banished to the minor leagues, where he was able to rein everything in.

Since returning to the Royals, the 24-year-old right-hander from the Dominican Republic has been solid. At one point this season, he had a streak of 30 consecutive scoreless appearances.

He's been almost as good as Davis, who at one point was con-



JOHN SLEEZER, KANSAS CITY STAR/MCT

The Kansas City Royals' Eric Hosmer warms up during practice on Friday at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. Hosmer has been terrific this postseason, but the Royals likely wouldn't be playing host to the San Francisco Giants in Game 1 of the World Series Tuesday if not for their three-headed bullpen monster of Kelvin Herrera, Wade Davis, and All-Star closer Greg Holland.



Davis



Holland

June 25, a streak of 20 appearances and 22½ innings. It took 43 appearances, 45½ innings and 179 batters before he allowed an extra-base hit. When Holland sustained a minor injury late in the season, Davis closed out three games.

"He's a guy that just comes in and goes right after you with his stuff," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "He's a guy that's a tremendous competitor."

In that respect, he's a bit like Holland, who has come out of no-

where to become one of the game's top closers. He was drafted by the Royals in the 10th round out of Western Carolina, and was in the big leagues three years later. After scuffling during that first-call up, Holland proved he belonged in his first full season, eventually taking over the ninth inning.

He never gave it up, compiling a 1.86 ERA in 246 games over the last four seasons.

"Just get us through six in the ballgame and we can turn it over to the bullpen guys," Yost said. "... If we can take a lead and get it to the bullpen, odds are we're going to be celebrating a victory at the end of the day."

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Giants catcher looking to add third title to his collection | **Page 30**



October evolution

Rodgers once again helping Packers find midseason stride

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Their quarterback is playing near-perfect football, their offense is stirring memories of the juggernaut it was in 2011 and their much-maligned defense is coming together after some early season struggles.

It's almost a rite of autumn for the Green Bay Packers — the calendar turns to October, and they start playing well. Packers coach Mike McCarthy thinks he knows why.

"You look at the design of our roster and how it's put together, pretty much with a similar mindset each and every year. There is some development that needs to go on with our football team because of our young players," McCarthy said Monday, one day after the Packers (5-2) won their fourth consecutive game, a 38-17 victory over the Carolina Panthers at Lambeau Field. "[Then] you start to play some good football."

That is exactly what McCarthy's team is now doing in all facets. It starts with Rodgers, who completed 19 of 22 passes for 255 yards and three touchdowns for a passer rating of 154.5 — the second-highest of his career — against the Panthers. Rodgers has completed 55 of 81 passes for 675 yards with nine touchdowns and no interceptions for a 130.4

'I talk to old friends who have been here and are with other teams, and they don't really realize how good Aaron is until they ... play for someone else.'

Josh Sitton
Packers left guard

passer rating in the Packers' three victories in October.

He's gone six games and 192 consecutive passes without throwing an interception, and he enters the team's final game of the month — and last game before its midseason bye — against New Orleans having thrown 18 touchdown passes against only one interception.

"It's funny. I talk to old friends who have been here and are with other teams, and they don't really realize how good Aaron is until they go and play for someone else," veteran left guard Josh Sitton said. "It's hard to realize, I guess, when he's all I've known. I expect that week in and week out."

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